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"THE WORLD, THE FLESH, AND THE DEVIL."

[The Editor discourses upon passing events and topics of the day.]

"Up."

Parliament is "up," and so are the Law Courts. And yet the old world will wag on much the same as ever!

Biding our Time.

We think we have now taken the measure of the House, and after the Recess we may endeavour to force the pace a bit.

That Amnesty.

We deeply regret the decision of the Government not to grant an amnesty to imprisoned soldiers, guilty of minor offences. Their liberation should have been one of the very first acts to follow the Peace.

Public Defender Bill.

We are sorry, too, the Government does not see its way to afford facilities for the passage of this Bill. But we shall go on "nibbling" at it, all the same.

Dormant Bank Balances.

The Select Committee on our Bank Balances and Securities Bill has adjourned till October—and then we should see some fun!

Court Martial Procedure.

Congratulations to Mr. Churchill on his decision to publish the Report—or Reports—of the Committee on the law and procedure of Courts Martial—on which we had the honour of sitting.

"Nationalisation."

"Reciprocity," said Dizzy, on a famous occasion, "is both dead and damned." So is Nationalisation. Profit-sharing is the only way.

U.S. Ambassador.

All honour to Lord Grey for stepping into the breach. He is just the man to get on well with Mr. Wilson, but he will be no good from the business point of view—and *that* is what is wanted "over there."

The League of Nations.

Perhaps, too, his presence may protect the poor old League of Nations from further mauling by Senator Lodge and his friends. Meanwhile, it is significant that its formal inauguration is to be postponed to next year.

The Profiteering Bill.

We agree that drastic Government action is preferable to the appointment of a Committee to "inquire" into an obvious scandal, but we still say that the whole thing could be effectually dealt with by giving private individuals the right to prosecute.

"Honours are Easy"!

Surely that card game expression must have occurred to most people on reading the latest Honours List. With two or three exceptions, they are a sorry lot, whilst, as we show elsewhere, in at least one case "someone has blundered."

Well Earned.

One of the exceptions certainly is that of Sir W. Joynson-Hicks—whose splendid services, both in connection with the Air Force and the question of road traffic have long deserved recognition. If the Honours' List were confined to cases of this description, any man might be proud to be in it.

A Wireless Scandal.

What is the explanation of the mad folly of the Government in installing an English-Egyptian wireless service, based upon obsolete patents, long since discarded by the Marconi Company? Perhaps Sir Henry Norman can explain.

The Pushful Yank.

This is what they are printing on commercial envelopes coming here from America: "The greatest need of the United States of America at this moment is supremacy in international trade. What are you doing?" We beg to repeat that question.

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A Military "Crime."

Asked by us the other day whether he was aware that soldiers were undergoing punishment for the "crime" of "writing to JOHN BULL about it," Mr. Bonar Law expressed the opinion that "the offence did not appear to be one calling for very severe penalties." C.O.s, please note.

Warning to the *Daily News*.

May we warn our dearly beloved contemporary, the *Daily News*, of the risk it runs in issuing coupons which are to participate in draws for free flying tours? Apart altogether from the moral delinquency of such a lottery, we would refer our brother to the *Sun* "Spot" case, known in the Law Reports as *Regina v. Hall*.

Liquor Control.

We suggest that before introducing its Bill for the future "control" of the liquor traffic, the Government should send a Commissioner to Belgium, where there are no restrictions—and no drunkenness.

Mr. Smillie's Discomfiture.

There are signs that the latent commonsense of the working classes is at length asserting itself against the pestiferous propaganda of Messrs. Smillie and Co. We are still backing that good horse, Law and Order, against Anarchy. Any takers?

The Cenotaph.

Will the First Commissioner of Works when considering designs for a permanent memorial to the glorious dead, see that a private chapel is provided, railed off from the crowd, in which the bereaved may spend a few moments in the silent sanctity of their grief?

Mr. Roberts Going?

We sincerely trust there is no foundation for the persistent rumour that, owing to his disapproval of the Profiteering Bill—which he refused to "back"—Mr. G. H. Roberts, the Food Controller, is contemplating resignation. He is one of the few successes of the present Ministry.

The British Cellulose Report.

Well, who was right? The whole thing was a mare's nest, started by the late Editor of the *Daily Chronicle*, who, when called upon by the Committee to justify his charges, cut a very sorry figure. Some day we may tell the story of what was really behind the attack. Meanwhile, we agree with the Committee that "less than justice" has been done to the Company for its services during the war.

A Parson's Plea.

"I read all your articles, and frequently take them into the pulpit with me," says the Rev. F. B. Matthews, Vicar of Shotnall, Burton-on-Trent. "But," adds the Vicar, "what the working men want is the sane teaching of those articles *shouted at them*." Where is that Peace Propagandist?

More Praise from the Parson.

"I am just returning to a mining parish, and if the men had a national leader like yourself, the parsons' work would be simplified," adds Mr. Matthews to the letter already quoted, whilst the Rev. H. E. B. Nye, Curate-in-charge, All Saints, Squirrells Heath, says "Your trenchant criticisms on clerical shortcomings, from time to time . . . give us much needed insight into the minds of wide-awake laymen." We bow.

Local Limericks.

[*At Wimbledon, William Christopher was fined £100 and costs for overcharging for whisky during the recent Tennis Tournament.*]

There was a young person named Christopher,
An expert at turning the grist over,
For being too frisky
In working the whisky,
One hundred good quids he must fist over.

Reconstruction!

It is typical of the fact that the war has taught the Government nothing that, even on such a matter as the commercial reconstruction of the country, we should have gone to "eminent university professors" to write pamphlets for the guidance of the business community!

"A Good Example."

In a recent issue we congratulated the Government upon the example of paying full wages to all employees in connection with the Peace holiday. We have, however, heard from the Small Arms Factory at Enfield Lock, and from the Ruislip Air Stores and elsewhere that the workers were overlooked. Never too late to mend.

Fruit Figures.

Here are some interesting figures of prices for fruit and vegetables sold in small lots at the wholesale market, Kidderminster:—Apples, ¾d. per lb.; potatoes, good, 5s. 6d. per pot of 90 lb.; peas, 2s. 6d. per pot of 40 lb. What the prices were for these commodities by the time they reached the consumer is probably on record, and it should not be difficult to find out who did the profiteering. In this case, it certainly looks like the retailers.

Fish Figures.

The official reports of Scottish sea-fishing for 1918 state that the year was "the best ever." Some of the earnings quoted are astonishing, but true. One Scottish vessel, fishing at Yarmouth, made £9,371 in ten weeks. A Kyle boat realised £1,961 for one night's work. And then the official report says there is plenty of fish for the public, and the cheapness of it will bring down other food prices. Yes—it looks like it!

Guildford's Surveyor.

That Open Letter to Mr. W. Shawcross should have been addressed to Mr. Taverner, who is the present Mayor of Guildford. We are sorry for the mistake, but glad to learn that the protests have had their effect, and that the Borough Surveyor without military service who had been appointed to the Town Council has now declined the position "in view of the hostility aroused in the town." Now the Town Council can do the right thing, and we look confidently to them.

A Leeds Special.

There was a Leeds man who became a special constable right at the beginning. While guarding the aerodrome at Roundhay he got wet through every night for a week, contracted pneumonia, and was dead in ten days. His widow, an invalid getting on in years, is dependent for her living on the earnings of a young daughter. In such a case, where the man's death was the direct outcome of service done for the public, it is surely the duty of the Leeds Corporation to relieve the poor widow's necessities. The City should be proud to tend its own

Cream and Butter.

As there is supposed to be a shortage of butter, your ration has been reduced. The shortage is not to be wondered at, when we know that cream has been on sale at 5s. and 5s. 4d. a pound. Devonshire therefore dealt in cream, and so, we guess, did all the other counties where it is producible. Could one expect the dairyman to turn his cream into butter when he was allowed to play that game?

Sacrilege at Bedford.

The Bedford Cemetery is the scene of a mean and despicable form of theft. A bereaved father complains that, visiting the Cemetery four days after the funeral of his only daughter, he found the ribbon stolen from nearly a score of wreaths that had been laid upon the grave. A little extra vigilance on the part of the police, and a sharp example made of the first offenders detected should suffice to put a stop to this ghoulish orgy of sacrilege and crime.

WHY WAS HE KNIGHTED?

See page 8.

Colchester Hoarders.

What about those 40 tons of biscuits which have been lying in the basement of the Colchester Town Hall for the past two years—as a "stand by" in the event of a German invasion? Hadn't they better be distributed before they go bad?

A Profitable Dodge.

Sad to relate, Messrs, Arding and Hobbs, of Clapham Junction, S.W., are right out of farthings. Pending the receipt of a fresh supply from the Mint, their customers, instead of the farthing change that may be due, will receive a plain, unstamped postcard, very dear at the price, and probably unwanted. A customer who complained about it was spoken to quite rudely by a shopwalker, who seemed to have mistaken himself for the Lord No Zoo.

Still Stopped!

This is short, but not sweet:—"The stoppage of the railway waggon and wheel works at Horbury Junction continues, owing to the refusal of the trade unions concerned to moderate their policy of refusing to work with discharged soldiers and sailors." As we pointed out some weeks ago, there is a double wrong done here, for the railways are paralysed while waiting for repair of the waggons. And the insult to Service men, by refusing them work even on minor repairs, is abhorrent to all except the persons who contrive it.

Places aux Soldats.

We are surprised and delighted that the Local Government Board queried the appointment of H. Niblett as Relieving Officer for Aldershot, noting that he had no Poor Law experience, and asking if there had been no candidate with that experience, or who was an ex-Service man. But now, when the Board learns that one candidate had had nine years' Poor Law experience, and was rejected from military service three times on account of ill-health, that another had served 13 years in the Army, earning the rank of Regimental Q.M.S., and that a third had municipal experience before and after serving from August, 1914, to December, 1917—what are they going to do about it? Are they going to allow the Aldershot Guardians contemptuously to ignore them?

Municipal Sweating.

It is plain that the plague of high prices hasn't struck Penge. For Arthur E. Eves, Clerk to the Council, advertises for a Library Assistant in the Public Library, at the wage of 30s. a week. The advertisement says that applications are invited from disabled men. Oh yes! that makes the difference. Disabled men are fair game for municipal sweaters, and it is quite the thing to rob them of the amount of their pension.

Unjust Delays.

A retired Army officer complains that his claim for a rebate on last year's Income Tax, submitted in May last, and another, on his mother's income, submitted in April, are still unsettled. Cannot the authorities realise that in the case of persons with modest means such delay occasions definite hardship? Both these claims were so simple that any intelligent clerk could have disposed of the matter in five minutes. Such lethargy is inexcusable.

Give Them the Cat!

We are glad that the Castle Eden Magistrates, anyhow, had the decency to send Ernest Todd and Robert Pyle to gaol for cruelty to pit ponies. Some J.P.s would have let them off with a fine. But the cruelty was so fiendish that a month's imprisonment seems quite inadequate. In the lighter case a pony's eye was knocked out; in the worse case one eye was practically out, and the head was beaten to a pulp. The cat is the only argument with such blackguards.

"Easy" Terms.

The same old game! The Trading and Finance Corporation, Limited, of 52, King William Street, E.C., are "prepared to grant additional capital for long or short periods to genuine concerns on such terms as would leave clients a large margin of profit." How this happy result is to be achieved is not quite clear, seeing that in a case recently brought to our notice the interest proposed on a loan of £100 amounted to rather more than 50 per cent. per annum. The man who can borrow on these terms and still make good must be a prince of profiteers.

A Damning Document.

As plain proof of actual slavery existing under the Prussian rule in German East Africa, there is being circulated in Johannesburg a facsimile of one of the certificates of freedom which were occasionally granted, when paid for. This document is headed, "Imperial Government of German East Africa." It is "Letter of Freedom, No. 153," and states:—"Name of Freed Man, Munymbana..... slave up to date at Nywanga," who had "received his freedom through purchase by the Catholic Mission." Signed by "The Imperial District Administrator, Winterfeld."

Sweated "Supplementaries."

We know that "a little knowledge is a dangerous thing"; much learning seems to spell slavery. The Director of Education, Shire Hall, Bedford, announces vacancies for Supplementary School-Mistresses, "Scale £50 to £65." The Education Department, Dorchester wants Supplementary Teachers also, "Commencing salary £45 to £52 10s., according to experience." What the teachers are to live on when appointed only Education Committees can know. But we are sure fathers and mothers will marvel at such sweated "screws" paid to those who teach and tend their little ones.

Local Limerick.

[*An astonishing mystery is reported from Llanelly. An unknown person raids by night the huts of rabbit-fanciers, and kills the rabbits by breaking their backbones.*]

There's a man with a murdering habit,
If he sees a tame bunny he'll grab it;
His trail, round Llanelly
At night time is deathly—
Where he passes he leaves a dead rabbit!

Those Ribbons.

Our disgust with shopkeepers who demand 6d. an inch for ribbon from men who have earned the right to wear it has been already expressed. So we scarcely know what polite terms to apply to the Army and Navy Stores, of Cardiff. An invoice of theirs, for ribbon, now before us, unblushingly records: "2 in. Victory at 1s.——2s. 0d." It certainly was a costly victory, but that does not excuse such a shameless price for commemorative ribbon.

A Museum Freak.

When an ex-soldier heard that clerks were wanted by the Board of Education, Victoria and Albert Museum, South Kensington, he thought he might touch lucky. But, on calling, he was informed there were no vacancies for male clerks or discharged soldiers. The gentleman who obliged with that information admitted that girl clerks were being engaged. He could not help it, but it might be a matter for the Press. We quite agree that it is so, and that is why we record the distasteful facts.

Exchange No Robbery.

Charged with the theft of a pair of sea-boots, Andrew E. Wilding, a Hull fisherman, pleaded that it was all a mistake. And so we really believe it was. It appears that although Wilding had taken away another man's boots, he had left his own in their place, the pair so remaining being admittedly of greater value than the boots "stolen." In imposing a fine of £4, the Hull Stipendiary seems to have given too little consideration to this innocent explanation of the circumstances—which, on the face of it, bore the imprint of truth.

Loss by Fire.

The recent fire at Campbell's Perth Dye Works has placed some of the firm's customers in an awkward position. For instance, a Staffordshire lady, having paid 8s. 6d. in advance for the dyeing of a woollen "jumper," has since received a circular from the Company disclaiming all legal liability, but explaining that, as an "act of grace" a portion of the fire insurance money would be distributed among customers whose goods had been destroyed. There has, however, been considerable delay in settlement, and meanwhile the firm retains the 8s. 6d. The arrangement invites criticism.

Friends at Court.

Mrs. Ellen Huish is the widow of the late Magistrates' Clerk. She appeared at the Ilkeston Petty Sessions charged with a most brutal assault on Miss Martha Johnson. She entered that lady's school, beat her violently about the head, gripped her neck, and tore hair out of her head so that the scalp bled freely. And yet these precious Magistrates did not send the cowardly ruffian of a woman to gaol; did not even fine her heavily—did not fine her at all! No, they bound her over with the remark that "*a fine would not mean much in this case, as the lady had means.*" But the verdict means a good deal. It means that the Ilkeston Magistrates refrain from punishing a woman because she is well to do.

Gammon and Spinach.

Hemingway, of 47, West Cliff Road, Bournemouth, wants a small grand piano, *German* preferred. Hemingway had better go to Berlin. He or she will find plenty of grand pianos of the German sort there. But what would Hemingway have done without our English Keyes?

Pitiful Pensions.

This is another Civil Service pensioner from the Post Office. Forty-two years he has served the country, including the Egyptian war. Rheumatism obliged him to retire, and now, aged 58, he has to keep self and wife from starvation on 22s. a week. These old fellows' pensions *must* be levelled up to present-day conditions.

Mixed Prices.

It would be a convenience if the management of Slater's Restaurants would make up their minds as to what is a fair price for the various items on their menu, and stick to it. It is confusing to find that at one of their establishments a portion, say, of vegetable marrow can be bought for 4d., and a cut from the joint for 1s. 4d., while at another of the same standing the vegetable costs 6d. and the meat 1s. 6d. If this is not profiteering, it looks like it.

A Good 'Alien."

They keep those "aliens" at Whitehall. On the other hand, consider this. One of five brothers, all of whom served voluntarily in the war, applied for a berth in the Records Office at Kew. He is turned down by the Labour Ministry because his father was a Russian, though his mother was English. The official letter states that "alien parentage" keeps him out of the Civil Service. After that, the presence of the unholy crowd in Whitehall offices becomes more flagrantly outrageous than ever.

Watch this figure GROW!
The Number of Claims already Paid under our Free Fire Insurance is 114
For Registration Forms see page 27.

Black Diamonds.

The check-sheet, showing the week's pay of a miner in the Midlands, is deeply interesting. For getting coal he is paid 2s. 6d. a ton—less than half that 6s. increase. He and his mates, four of them in all, got £4 2s. 6d. each, inclusive of bonus and everything else. It does not seem that he and his kind are responsible for the present preposterous price of black diamonds.

Queries for Nurses.

It is no doubt desirable that young ladies training for the nursing profession should have a fair measure of general knowledge, but we hardly know why they should be expected to know the whereabouts of the Acropolis, the Rubicon, or the Taj Mahal, to explain the meaning of "Disestablishment" and "Disendowment," or to "give a short account of any well-known religious controversy." These were among the questions actually set at a recent examination for Nursing Studentships at King's College for Women. Personally, we can imagine ourselves quite happy in the hands of a nurse who had the haziest notions of Transsubstantiation, let us say, or—to note a further query on the paper—of the political records of Messrs. Clemenceau, Carson and Clynes.

Women Once More.

Several demobbed men, expert motor-drivers, call our attention to an advertisement which we regret to find in a daily paper:—"Motor drivers (Women) wanted for light delivery vans . . . wages £2 15s., rising to £3, for a week of 48 hours. Apply, Mr. Spence, Bourne and Hollingsworth's Garage, 13, Wells Mews, Oxford Street, W.1." That kind of thing is very bitter for men out of work after four years in France.

A Seedy Seedsman.

This is not the first time we have had to find fault with Mr. C. R. Shilling, of the Hartley Seed Stores, Winchfield, Hants, whose peculiar methods of business are the subject of constant complaint. Perhaps we cannot do better than remind our readers that the last time Shilling appeared in the County Court he hadn't a bob to bless himself with—his household goods, claimed by his wife, being already covered by a bill of sale. In these circumstances, to send Shilling "cash with order" is to ask for trouble.

The Doctors' Dilemma.

We venture to suggest that if a body of trade unionists were fobbed off on pay-day with a percentage of their wages and the intimation that this was all it would "run to," there would soon be a noise in the works. Yet apparently this is the system on which panel doctors are paid, the payments varying from 55 to 80 per cent. of the sums actually due under contract with the Insurance Committees. Naturally, these accumulated arrears have excited strong resentment among the medicos, some of whom are threatening to "down stethoscopes" in default of prompt redress.

"Some" Salaries!

For people who can live on oatmeal and barley-water there are some capital jobs going in the City and Royal Burgh of Dunfermline. One of the vacant billets is that of Chief Clerk in the Burgh Engineer's Office, where an experienced man, "capable of preparing time sheets" and with "a knowledge of municipal work," can earn as much as £2 5s. a week. A still more attractive post is that of Clerk of Works on the staff of the Burgh Engineer, at £3 weekly—but for this lucrative situation applicants must possess "a good knowledge of road construction, sewer and water main laying, and building construction." Perhaps if a candidate were a trained lawyer as well, the Corporation might go as high as £3 10s.

Departmental Touts.

The Appointments Department of the Ministry of Labour, originally established to help discharged officers to find suitable employment, appears in some cases to work on behalf of firms in need not so much of the services of an officer as the use of his money. One of its forms recommends a partnership in an Essex motor engineering firm—capital required, £1,000. Another suggests a partnership in a Battlefields Touring Agency—capital required, £175. Unless the Appointments Department takes the precaution of inquiring strictly into the bona fides of such concerns, it runs a serious risk of playing the part of tout for the promotion of flat-traps.

Don't Miss This.

If you want a "Bullets" Holiday Prize, remember that only two weeks remain in which to win one. See page 20.

Candid Communications.——

This space is devoted to Open Letters to Celebrities, Notorieties and occasionally Nonentities.

To the Rt. Hon. D. Lloyd George, Prime Minister.

My Dear P.M.,—You have acted wisely in declining all these proposals for either national thanks or testimonials in regard to the part you played in the war. The Peace Treaty, after all—and whatever its defects—is the best monument to your work, and you may well rest upon it. I do think, however, that the salary you receive as Prime Minister is in these days ridiculously inadequate, and I beg to move that it be doubled—even if those of some of your colleagues have to be halved.

John Bull.

To the Rt. Hon. Austen Chamberlain, Chancellor of the Exchequer.

Dear Exchequer,—I hope you have safely received that half million I sent you, as the first subscription from my Victory Bond Club, made up, mainly, of small sums which your own scheme would never have attracted. Could you do with another similar application? And, by the way, what do you say to presiding at the first Prize Drawing?

John Bull.

To Lieut.-Col. Grant-Morden, M.P.

My Dear Colonel,—Accept my warmest congratulations on the complete vindication of your personal honour and integrity by the eminent Judge and his colleagues, who—on your own initiative, by the way—were appointed to inquire into the reckless charges brought by the *Daily Chronicle*, under its old proprietorship, against the British Cellulose Company, but for whose enterprise our aircraft would have been powerless in the war. None of your friends—and their name is legion—required any assurance that in you Canada has sent us one of her most brilliant sons, whose commercial rectitude and enterprise are equalled only by his patriotism and sterling qualities of heart. I trust you may now be left undisturbed to give to your constituency and the Empire the benefit of your wide knowledge and abilities.

John Bull.

To Councillor Amos Henshaw, Town Council, Ilkeston.

Sir,—It seems you were the nominee of the Ilkeston Town Council to a seat upon the local War Pensions Committee. That Committee has staggered the Council by appealing to the County authority, for I learn that you are a "Conchy" and a wagger of the red rag. I cannot conceive whence you get the gall to think of joining a Committee to consider the pensions of good soldiermen and sailormen—but I feel quite satisfied that, if you wish to sit on the Committee, it will not sit with you.

John Bull.

To Dr. Higson, Medical Officer, Brixton Gaol.

My Dear Doc.,—On scientific, no less than on humane, grounds, I am much interested in the fate of that unhappy prisoner you were talking about at Marylebone the other day, who, before reaching the gaol, had accidentally swallowed eight brass buttons, some bootlaces and a newspaper. As you do not mention the name of the newspaper, I have no personal feeling in the matter, but if you would be good enough to let me know, by return of post the size of the buttons and length of the bootlaces, it would greatly relieve my mind. My own "swallow" is fairly large, but your little story sticks at the epiglottis. John Bull.

To the Chairman and Councillors, Glamorgan County Council.

Gentlemen,—It is within your knowledge that the King expressed his gracious desire that school children all over the country should have their summer vacation extended, to mark the Peace Year. You, in your wisdom or otherwise, have ignored this implied command. It's more than a little bit mean on your part, don't you think? I will not urge the disloyalty of your attitude, but merely point out that it sets a bad example to the children, renders them disappointed and dissatisfied, and, instead of affording them happy memories, their Peace holidays will live in their minds as a flouting of the King's wish. John Bull.

To William Brown Channings, Mayor of Okehampton.

Worshipful Mayor,—I am glad to see that your civic office has not saved you from the convicted profiteer's punishment. But to my mind, a fine of £50 and £25 costs is an absurd penalty for your offence, as you had previously been warned. How a Mayor and member of the local Food Committee could sink to such a depth of meanness as to charge 1½d. excess on 1,200 pots of jam, is beyond my conception—whilst I am astounded that the Committee should have endeavoured to hush the matter up. Luckily, the Ministry insisted on a prosecution. What is Okehampton's opinion of you, I wonder? You know mine. John Bull.

To Sir Godfrey Baring, Bart., M.P., Cowes.

Dear Sir Godfrey,—That 16-year-old lad charged with stealing from a fruit-shop, was fortunate to meet you on the Bench. Instead of bundling him off to prison, you allowed him to be remanded till employment could be found for him, remarking incidentally that you wanted a boy to work in your garden. If the youngster has sense enough, he may bless you all his days for saving him from a fate that must have spelt ruin and disaster. It was like you, Sir Godfrey. John Bull.

To Mr Stafford Morgan, Motor Expert, Clifton Hill, St. John's Wood, N.W

Sir,—I have given you the title you claim for yourself, but if you are a motor "expert," then commend me to the clumsiest amateur. After blundering into a tree and levelling it with the ground, you tried to dodge the police, but handled your gears so awkwardly that a constable caught you on his bicycle. Finally, you were charged with drunkenness whilst handling a car, driving without a licence, and failing to stop after an accident. As an "expert," you got off with fines of £14. Go and buy a donkey-cart! John Bull.

ACIDULATED FEMALES.

TEETOTAL TYRANNY AT A SERVICE LUNCHEON.

This is about "the limit." At Bude, Cornwall, it was decided to give a luncheon to all Service men in the locality, including the "demobbed," as part of the Peace Day celebrations. The arrangements were in the hands of a Luncheon Committee, who threw themselves into the task with hearty good will, one gentleman undertaking at his own expense to provide a bottle of beer for each invited guest. The grateful liquor had actually been laid in, and all was ready for the merry feast, when an unexpected hitch occurred. It appears that one or two of the ladies who were to act as waitresses on the festive occasion were members of a society pledging its adherents not to "touch, taste *or handle*" the "accursed drink," and, at the last moment, out of deference to the foolish prejudice of these acidulated females, it was decided not to put the beer on the tables. Of course there was no trouble over the matter—not a hint of disturbance, scarcely an outward sign of dissatisfaction. The guests behaved as the gallant gentlemen they were, eating their luncheon dry, and returning polite thanks to the givers. Afterwards, at a little informal meeting, the matter was somewhat freely discussed, the uppermost feeling being that a wanton slight had been offered to the gentleman who, out of sheer kindness, had gone to the trouble and expense of providing a genial relish to the social meal. One ex-soldier present went so far as to stigmatise the banishment of the beer as "a mean, biased, and shabby action." We are not sure that he was wrong.

THE BREAD FAMINE

AUTHORITIES INDIFFERENT TO FLAGRANT WASTE.

Such scandals as the following call for emphatic protest. Visiting a farm at Abbess Roding, an Inspector of the Ongar (Essex) Food Committee discovered that a quantity of wholesome bread had been set aside for the feeding of pigs. The actual quantity found was 295 loaves, in addition to a further sackful that had been placed in soak—evidence of waste so appalling that the Inspector naturally felt it his duty to report the facts to the Food Committee. "The bread," he stated, "appeared to be in good condition, made from white flour, of good colour, well baked and, in my opinion, fit for food." These serious findings were confirmed by the Medical Officer of Health. A clear case of wicked and wanton waste, calling for exemplary punishment. This, at any rate, was the view of the Ongar Food Committee, who at once took the matter up with the officials in London, the bread having been purchased from an establishment in Oxford Street, W. As a result of the inquiries thus set on foot, it appeared that the Oxford Street baker had received permission from the Food Ministry to dispose of a quantity of damaged bread, unfit for human consumption, and that under cloak of this authority more than three hundred wholesome loaves had found their way to the pig-bucket. Left to themselves, the Ongar Food Committee would have been disposed to take proceedings against the parties responsible for this flagrant waste; but the suggestion of a prosecution, for some reason or other, was severely discouraged by the authorities in London. Can anyone say why?

EX-SOLDIER AND THE CIVIL SERVICE.

DISAPPOINTING SEQUEL TO A GOVERNMENT PLEDGE

As regards the appointment of discharged soldiers and sailors to vacant posts in the Civil Service, it appears that the labour of the Departments has brought forth a mouse. To judge by the results of the Qualifying Examination held in June, 1919, out of some hundreds of ex-Service candidates only about 40 selected individuals are to be appointed throughout the United Kingdom—a result difficult to reconcile with the lavish promises of the Government. An unsatisfactory feature of the published results is the inclusion of a number of candidates, mostly demobilised soldiers, in a list of those "qualified" but "unsuccessful," a distinction that calls for some explanation, especially in view of the large number of women and other temporary employees retained in the public service. The matter is one in which the authorities are pledged up to the hilt, the Government having expressly undertaken that during the "period of reconstruction" candidates having served in His Majesty's forces shall enjoy a straightforward preference in the selection for Civil Service posts. On the information available, it looks very much as though this explicit pledge is to go by the board. For the future, the demand for an entrance fee of 7s. 6d. from ex-Service candidates should be eliminated from the published conditions. It is a mean and petty exaction, according ill with official professions of gratitude to the ex-fighting man—whilst, in any event, it should be returned when for any reasonable cause a candidate is unable to sit.

SIGNS OF THE TIMES.

JOHN BULL: "That's a funny thing! They tell me to make for Economy, and then they show me every road but the right one!"

MURDER OR MANSLAUGHTER?

THE DREADFUL DEATH-TRAP AT CAMBERWELL.

The terrible list of fatalities occurring in consequence of the unprotected condition of the banks of the Grand Surrey Canal, at Camberwell, continues to grow. A few weeks ago we wrote of the death of a little child there, a babe who had fallen in while playing on the danger bank. Following that, we printed our thanks for a letter we had received from Mr. Tagg, the Town Clerk of Camberwell. He told us our remarks had been considered by the Borough Council, who were again placing the matter before the Port of London Authority, with a view to securing an alleviation of the situation. Mr. Tagg added, and we assume that he did so upon instructions, that the place was guarded, and that rescue appliances were on the spot. We grieve to say that the guard is ineffective, and the rescue apparatus is evidently not noticed. Is it hidden away? Certainly it seems never used. Any rescue at all depends on the accident that some modest hero may be passing in the moment of tragedy. While our acknowledgment of the Town Clerk's letter was in the press, before it was published, one more death was recorded. A little boy playing on the bank, where no protection is, fell into the water. A scream brought his young mother to the spot. She, loving soul, at once leaped into the water. And another woman, brave as a lioness, also took the awful plunge. Neither could swim, but of that they did not stay to think. In a moment they were in difficulties. A man, hearing shouts, ran from some distance to the scene. And he—bigger hero in real life than the cinema can show in pictures—dived in turn. First he rescued the little child and brought him to the bank. Then he went back, seized the second woman, and landed her alive and safe. Again he went back, but, alas! this time without success. Where was that "guard," and where the life-belts and ropes? But for the accidental presence of one brave man, three precious lives would have been lost. As it is, a Camberwell home has to mourn the death of a devoted, loving young mother.

CALLOUS OFFICIALDOM.

CRUEL DISAPPOINTMENT FOR A GALLANT YOUTH.

Joining up as a youngster of 17, a Kensington lad was discharged from the Army in September, 1915, his health having proved unequal to the strain of service. Compelled to seek outdoor employment, he went to work on a farm, and, realising the need for expert knowledge, applied for training under the special Government scheme. There were the usual forms to be filled up, and to every question asked the young man returned a truthful answer, stating clearly that he had no capital, giving exact details of his education, and intimating his willingness, at the end of the period of training, to accept any reasonable opening in agricultural work. If his application had been turned down at the outset, the ex-soldier—though disappointed—would not have been altogether surprised, but he was proportionately elated when the message came through that he was to proceed to Maidstone for an interview with the Agricultural Organiser. Between the original application and the date of the interview several weeks had elapsed, during which the applicant refused more than one offer of remunerative employment. Imagine his chagrin, therefore, when at the Maidstone Sessions House, after waiting three-and-a-half hours in a draughty corridor, he was coldly informed that, as his education was "doubtful," and his prospects "uncertain," his request for special training could not be entertained. A week later this off-handed decision was confirmed by letter from the Ministry of Labour, with the further intimation that if he cared to do so he might interview the officials in London, but that the expenses of his journey would not be paid. The gist of the complaint is, of course, that the circumstances finally adduced as a reason for refusing the applicant's request could all have been gathered from the forms filled up at the beginning, thus saving him weeks of suspense and heart-breaking disappointment in the end. The evil is doubtless wrought more by want of thought than want of heart—but it is very real, all the same.

A PRURIENT ADVERTISER.

AN INDECENT REPLY TO A LADY INQUIRER.

Occasionally the "home employment" wheeze presents features of exceptional interest. The following advertisement lately appeared in the columns of a Hull paper:

> Lady (householder) required undertake occasional Spare Time Employment: war sufferer given preference: easy, well-paid, suitable person.

Possibly attracted by the feeling allusion to "war sufferers," a respectable lady householder replied to the box number given, and was in due course favoured with the following insolent overture from a person signing himself "A. Gregory," who very naturally omitted to give his real address, and preferred answers being sent to the Hull Post Office:

> **In response to your inquiry, the task referred to is that of sitting and posing, in your own home, for anatomical studies, etc. This, of course, necessitates completely undressing. The terms are 5s. per sitting of half-an-hour or less.**

There needs very little reading between the lines to stigmatise this letter as a piece of wanton indecency. It is to be hoped that one of these days its author may be treated to a little "anatomical" attention of a kind least suited to his perverted taste.

NOBBLING THE COAL CONTROLLER.

SOME STRANGE FIGURES FOR FISHERMEN'S FUEL.

It looks as though coal-merchants were in full cry after some of those big profits said to be made by the fishers of the deep. The position at Lowestoft is certainly curious. Coal in the town is 43s. 6d. a ton, but 55s. a ton is charged to the fishing craft. It is all quite legal, of course, and according to scale, but some artful gentlemen must have "got at" the Coal Controller in telling him the tale in the most approved way. He authorises the extra charge, allowing 10s. 4d. a ton to bag and ferry coal from trucks to fish-docks, under three-quarters of a mile. As that is labelled as expenses, another 2s. 6d. or so is tacked on by way of profit. In pre-war days the entire operation was carried out for 2s. 6d. a ton, expenses and profit included. And it is to be remembered that this huge increase in the price applies to thousands of tons every week. One local expert does not hesitate to say that "thousands of tons are put on drifters at the quay direct ex-trucks, at a cost of 1s. to 1s. 6d. per ton." Such figures are startling enough to make the Coal Controller indulge in some second thoughts, and to consider whether he was not badly misled when he fixed the prices.

CLUB COMFORTS FOR LADIES.

A DREAM THAT VANISHED WITH COLD DAWN.

The Ladies' National Club came out with a great flourish of trumpets a little while back. It was going to do wonders for London women. Two houses had been taken, in Barkston Gardens and Philbeach Gardens, South Kensington, and were to be let out in one-room flats, unfurnished. But all sorts of luxuries in the way of baths, gas-fires, hot water, dining and social rooms, were to be turned on, and all was to be done, as an evening paper announced, for 10s. 6d. a week inclusive. A lady who applied was informed that a 10s. 6d. flat could not be reserved, but by sending a guinea at once she could have her name put on a special list. She sent the money, and went by appointment to view the flats in Philbeach Gardens, as the Barkston Gardens ones were priced from a guinea upwards. On arriving to time, she was obliged to join a long queue. Very soon it was announced that all rooms were taken, except some two-guinea ones. A return of the money paid was refused. Very many other ladies were turned away disappointed and roomless. If they, also, paid over a guinea to the Club, that institution looks like being a very jolly speculation for whoever gets the money.

GERMAN "SAINTS" AND "BRETHREN."

IMPUDENT APPEAL ON BEHALF OF THE HUNS.

The latest body to start slobbering over the Huns is the so-called Pentecostal League, of which Mr. Arthur S. Booth Clibborn, of 49, Highbury Hill, N., is a leading light. In pre-war days this Association was a harmless evangelical body, which took no part in politics, and confined itself to a series of red-hot May meetings at Exeter Hall. Other times, other manners. The pacifists seem to have obtained the ascendant in this congeries of "old ladies of both sexes"—with results which we are sure must make the founder—the late Mr. Reader Harris, K.C.—who was above all else a patriot—turn in his grave. It appears that "the Pentecostal saints in Germany are in great distress in the matter of food and clothing," the principal cause of their calamities being, of course, the wicked British blockade. Mr. Clibborn tries to make our flesh creep with tales of hardship, which, assuming them to be unexaggerated, are as nothing in comparison with the horrors inflicted by Germany—"the Land of Luther," is Mr. Clibborn's affectionate phrase—upon her innocent neighbours. One "beloved brother," we are told, "was for weeks nigh unto death with gastritis from the above-named cause." We gather that this unfortunate individual is better, but still weak—so that for his benefit and to glut the coarse appetites of his fellow-Huns, it is the amiable intention of Mr. Clibborn's precious League to gather up all the food they can lay their hands on and pack it off to Germany, carriage paid. We have not the faintest sympathy with such a project. The feeding of the Huns may very well be left in the hands of the Allied authorities, private charitable effort being far more suitably directed to the relief of such distress as exists among our own people. The sufferings of the Germans are self-inflicted. They represent less than a tithe of the punishment justly due to the authors of infamies unparalleled in the world's history. To speak of these coarse degenerates as "saints" and "brethren" is a revolting abuse of language, proceeding, of course, from individuals of the "conchy" type, who, though they would not raise a finger to rescue Belgium from her vile torturers, are ready to fly to the assistance of the Huns the moment it is their turn to squeal.

"ACTS OF COURAGE."

REWARD FOR GERMAN BUT NONE FOR OUR PEOPLE.

The Air Ministry has told of a German prisoner of war, in Wiltshire, who assisted to save an officer from a burning aeroplane. The German was given his freedom, passage home, money, and a silver watch. It was a brave act, so we do not grumble at his reward. But—a young English girl, employed at an aerodrome on Salisbury Plain, also rescued an aviator from a blazing plane, last October, at great risk to her own life. And, so far as we know, she has been accorded no recognition whatever. Yet another instance of this special form of pluck may be given in more definite detail, because it is on record in the Routine Orders of General Rawlinson, Commanding the Fourth Army in France, dated 27th April, 1917. It states that an aeroplane met with an accident, came to earth, "and immediately burst into flames. Lieut. M. Probyn . . . and Corporal (since Sergeant) Littleproud, R.F.C., with a complete disregard for personal safety, and in spite of the heat of the burning petrol, succeeded in rescuing alive the pilot and observer. There was considerable danger from the explosion of the ammunition" and "risk from the bombs." "This," continues the General, "is the second occasion on which Corporal Littleproud has rendered prompt assistance to officers in a burning machine without regard for his personal safety." "Acts of Courage" is the heading of that Official Order, which was "recorded in the Corporal's Regimental Conduct Sheet." Beyond that meed of thanks, the gallant Sergeant, who had scored a "double blue" for true courage, has gone completely unrewarded. There was no immediate freedom, joy-trip home, sum of money, or silver watch for him—nor even a medal. We do wonder that a German should be so quickly—even hurriedly—rewarded, and our own people so utterly ignored. It is this sort of thing which makes ordinary men wonder whether there is not some sinister influence at work, which always manages to favour the Hun and rarely does justice to the Britisher. The truth is, in cases of this sort, the trouble is sheer blundering stupidity. Magnanimity dictated consideration for the German who distinguished himself from his kind by real bravery. It is such a common quality among us, that we officially ignore it.

SHOCKING SALARIES.

STARVATION FOR MEN AND FAVOURS FOR FROCKS.

The Cheshunt Urban District Council apparently places a low value on brains and education. Local bodies such as this only too frequently conclude that anything is good enough, and nothing too bad, to offer for mind work, and have the impudence to suggest wages at which a manual worker would turn up his nose. The mandarins at Cheshunt grandiloquently announce they "require the service of a librarian, who will be required to devote the whole of his time to the duties. Library experience essential." So they stipulate for experience as well as education and literary knowledge. They also want full particulars of his employment in other libraries, and three testimonials, and they are prepared to pay him £100 a year—worth, say, 16s. a week. Cheshunt Councillors ought to be ashamed of themselves, but they won't be. No doubt they imagine they are posing as munificent patrons of literature. For their hides are thick. So is that of a person advertising in a daily for a clerk, though he carefully withholds his name and address. He seeks a serf with "fluent knowledge of French, and good typist, salary £2." Such people deserve to pick up a scamp who will pilfer the till because he cannot live on what the boss calls a salary. A third salary that shocks us is of a different category. The amount is quite a fair one, but it is offered to the wrong people. The Disposal Board, Ministry of Munitions, Boulogne, "require twenty shorthand typists," for three or four months. They are offered free lodging at the Y.W.C.A., £2 14s. a week salary, with 5s. a day subsistence allowance—£4 9s. a week and free lodgings. Application to be made to Room 244, Hotel Metropole, London. Bearing in mind the number of ex-soldiers, convalescent or otherwise, sighing for light work of just that character, it is simply iniquitous that the twenty vacancies should be bestowed on the other sex. The men have an absolute right to the work—and the wage—and this brazen favouring of frocks is simply indecent. Moreover, it is the cause of considerable discontent among the men who have returned from the fighting area. They see the Government still setting the bad example—and unless there is a clean sweep of superfluous women labour, there will be trouble.

A HOLIDAY "GONE WEST"

HOTEL PROPRIETOR'S BREACH OF CONTRACT.

Just home from France, a demobilised officer at Seven Kings was looking forward to his first summer holiday with his family, after an interval of five years. He made early arrangements with Mr. Alfred R. Bailly, of the Glenside Private Hotel, Grand Parade, Brighton, from whom, as long ago as the beginning of May, he received a postcard definitely reserving rooms for the first week in August. Matters being thus satisfactorily arranged, the family spent the early summer in pleasurable anticipation of their sojourn by the sea, until the end of July, five days before they were due to start for Brighton—when their dreams of holiday enchantment were rudely dispelled by the receipt of a letter from Mr. Bailly cancelling the arrangements made nearly three months before. "I very much regret," wrote the amiable proprietor of the Glenside Hotel, "it is quite impossible to find accommodation for you, but, if you will apply to the following, there is a possibility that they can provide for you." The only excuse offered for this amazing breach of contract was that Mr. Bailly had been unable to find "outdoor accommodation" for the ex-officer's family, this being the first suggestion that they were to be accommodated elsewhere than at the Glenside Hotel. Mr. Bailly has laid himself open to an action for damages, which, if persisted in, may teach him that penalties attach to the breaking of an agreement in black and white.

DOOM OF THE DISABLED.

NOBODY WANTS THE WAR CROCK NOW.

It is only true to say that thousands of men who have been crocked and crippled in this war are vainly seeking a job, but that so far as a large number of employers are concerned, their chance of obtaining one becomes smaller every day they live. For entrenched in the posts which ought to be theirs are men and women who have "carried on" during the war and are carrying on during peace. Government offices are in this respect setting the worst of all examples to private employers. They are retaining women apparently for the sake of their googly eyes and their lovely hair. And it must be said that officials keep women about them to the last. When instructions for the reduction of the staff arrives, what happens? It is the discharged and the disabled soldiers who receive notice to quit—men already much handicapped in the search for employment and heavily at a discount when they find it. It is not difficult to understand the despairing bitterness of disabled men. "The women," says one, "did not come forward in 1914 to do a man's duty at a shilling a day; why should they be kept on now in men's berths at pounds a week—earning wages and wearing finery such as many can scarcely have dreamed of before the war? Give the disabled soldier a job, and not a dole or unsufferable sympathy—a preference of employment in competition if he can do the job required." Failure to act on this principle means the doom of the disabled.

A MEAN "OLD LADY."

BAD EXAMPLE OF THE BANK OF ENGLAND.

After serving in the Bank of England for seven years prior to September, 1914, a clerk resigned his position and enlisted, was subsequently gazetted 2nd Lieutenant, and finally was invalided out through wounds in April, 1919. The following month he applied to the Bank for a position, and was accorded an interview, when he was informed that he was eligible for the permanent staff. The opinion of the Bank Doctor, however, was that the poor fellow's leg was not strong enough to bear the strain of bank work. In view of this decision, the ex-officer asked to be given employment as a temporary clerk, and in due course was informed that "as you only wanted employment for a short time, it would not be worth while for the Bank to engage you as a temporary clerk." Upon it being pointed out, in reply, that the request for a temporary post was due solely to the Bank Doctor's decision that he was not physically fit for the permanent staff, a further letter was elicited, in which it was asserted that under a recent Order of the Court of Directors the ex-officer was not eligible for the permanent staff; and the Bank had no appointment to offer on the temporary staff. This to a former employee who had fought and bled to keep the coffers of the Bank of England safe from the marauding and blood-stained hands of the Hun! It seems a very poor reward for all the poor fellow's sufferings, and one which is certainly not likely to encourage patriotism.

ANTICIPATED EPITAPHS.

BARON VON BISSING.

Beneathe
Thys
Felix Stone
Lyeth

Baron von Bissing

Whoo
Manie yeares before ye Warre
Saw fitte,
For reasons beste known toe hymselfe,
Toe take out
Naturalization Papers,
Therebye becomynge
In ye legal sense,
A Brytish subjeckt.
Butte
On ye outbreake of ye Warre
Anno Domini 1914,
Resydynge thenne atte Brighton,
Hee fell under suspicion;
Butte
Notwythstandynge ye efforts
Of ye local Police
Toe effeckt hys internemente,
Hee
For some reason or ye other was proteckted bye

YE HYDDEN HANDE,

And itt was notte untill
Anno Domini 1917
Thatte hee was arrested and putte where he could do
No mischief.
Later, however, hee,
Fallynge sicke
Or
Pretendynge toe bee sicke,
Or
Kiddynge ye Hidden Hande thatte hee was sicke,
Was taken out of internemente
And permitted toe enjoie ye luxuries of
A Nursynge Home.
Subsequentlie,
Still nominallie under arrest,
Hee was allowed toe take uppe hys residence Inne
Ye Isle of Manne,
Ye laste place,
Bye virtue of its name,
Thatte shoulde have received a Hunne.
Toe add toe ye horrors of Peace.

YON BISSING
Was released toe dwell
Wheresoever hee might choose.
Unluckilie for its long sufferynge inhabitants
Hee chose

FELIXSTOWE.

Hys presence tooke ye "Felix" (meanynge "happy")
Out of Felixstowe.
Ye people upon whome hee imposed hys unwelcome presence
Remembered thatte hee was a relatyve
Of ye authoritative murderer of

NURSE CAVELL.

They resented hys presence.
Disgusted deputations waited upon hym.
Ye Chairmanne of ye Districkt Council warned hym off.
Meetynges of proteste were helde outsyde his house.
At laste
Suffolk-hated by ye pressure of
Publick Opinion,
Hee was Hun-done,
Passed inne hys cheques
(To ye local tradesmen)
And became dead toe ye world.

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Yere lyeth Baron von Bissing
A verie goode jobbe hee is missynge!

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IN THE BARBER'S CHAIR.

VISCOUNT GREY OF FALLODON.

This way, me lord. This way, sir. A shade to the left. Now you will feel the arm of the chair. *That's* it, sir. Glad to see you're able to get about a bit on your own again, me lord. Looks as though you stand a charnce of recoverin' your sight intirely, don't it, sir . . . Ah, I 'ope so too, me lord . . . *Trim your 'air?* Yessir. So you're goin' to leave us for a time, me lord? *On'y tempor'y?* Ah; I see. That, at any rate, is the present arrangement, if I may say so. But I see it 'inted in some o' the papers thet, should your sight improve enough, there's a charnce of you remainin' for the full term British Ambassador at Washin'ton. Well, nobody 'opes more sincerely then *I* do, me lord, thet you will recover from your affliction; but I tell yer candidly that I ain't orltogether took with the idea o' you bein' our regular representative in the States.

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Wot is my objection? Well, it's a sorter feelin' I've got, me lord. I've watched yore perlitical career pretty close fur some years parst, and I agrees with all the nice, flowery things wot 'ave bin printed in the papers about chew lately, as bein' a gentleman o' the strictest integrity, 'igh ideals, an' so forth. And I don't doubt fur one moment but wot you tried 'ard right up to the larst minute to prevent the Wore. But you ain't the on'y nobleman wot 'as strict integrity and 'igh ideals, and you ain't the on'y one wot tried to prevent the Wore up to the larst minute. Sich general an' common qualifications as them ain't enough to justify a man bein' picked out for the post of British Ambassador at Washin'ton. I know you've bin a great fly fisherman; but there ain't no flies on the Yanks. There'll be troubled water over there, and I ain't so shore as wot it wouldn't be better to send a man over wot's able to fish in 'em, instead o' one o' the ole-fashioned 'orribly scrupulous gen'l'men like you wot wouldn't tickle a trout in shallow water, not if you was starvin' . . . *You don't quite grasp my meaning?* O' course not! You wouldn't. You're a trifle be'ind the perlitical times, me lord, I'm afraid. You belong more to the age o' Gladstone. *Don't I think you would be acceptable to the Americans?* O' *course* I do! They'd be ever so pleased to see you. Woodrow, no doubt, would fall on your neek an' shed tears o' joy down the back o' your collar. But that wouldn't mean thet you was the right man to watch an' guard British interests in the States. It might mean quite the opposite! Wilson is supposed to be an idealist, with 'is 'ead in the clouds. 'Ow fur 'e is honest remains to be proved. There ain't no question about *your* honesty; but the fact remains that you would *not* be a true representative o' the bulk o' the British people, wot 'aven't no faith in this League o' Nations stunt, and 'ave less in a country wot was first of all too proud to fight, kep' out of it for nearly three years, and now 'as the impudence to try to make out thet they won the wore. No, sir, we want a sterner, blunter, more practical and 'ard 'eaded man than you at Washi n'ton As I was tellin' Sir Rosslyn Wemyss on'y larst week, *'e* is the sorter man for the job, reely—someone wot could bring some o' these durned Yankees up with a round turn if necessary, as the sailors say. . . :

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It ain't on'y that, sir; but some of us can never forget that you was one o' them wot allowed the country to drift into a state of unpreparedness for war w'en the wide-awake could see it stickin' out all over Germany that she meant to 'ave 'er "Day," an' that shortly. We want one o' the new generation o' statesmen at Washin'ton, me lord, if you'll excuse me sayin' so . . . Thank you; goo'day, me lord. Allow me to take your arm to the dore . . . Oh, 'e's a gent, right enough. But 'e's got 'is limitations.

A DISGRACE TO THE HONOURS' LIST.

CONCERNING LEON LEVISON AND THE FUNDS FOR THE RELIEF OF JEWS.

"WHO deceived the King?" was the question we asked only three months ago, when the Chief Constable of Manchester, whose term of office had been distinguished by the scandals and inefficiency of the force under his command, was given a Knighthood. That question has remained unanswered. With the exception of the usual abuse of JOHN BULL by the municipal mugwamps, the pals of Robert Peacock, no attempt has been made by anyone in authority to controvert our statements or to justify the gross deception of His Majesty who, as the fount of honour, is technically the bestower of the titles and decorations which are chucked about by the politicians for any self-seeking nonentity to pick up.

THE REAL REASON?

Now we have another Honours' List, and with regard to one of the individuals concerned we ask the question, "Why was he Knighted?" We know the artful official description. "Leon Levison," the *Gazette* informs us, "worked in connection with the Russian Jews' Relief Fund." That is not a true statement; it cannot be the real reason. We challenge the person who recommended Leon Levison for a Knighthood to say that our criticisms and those in the *Scotsman* and in *Truth* concerning this person and his fellow "organiser," Bailie F. J. Robertson, were ever brought to the notice of His Majesty. When the King is asked to single out a man for special distinction his advisers are doing him a grave disservice if they withhold the full record of the recipient. And what makes this case particularly bad is that the Sovereign has been jockeyed into bestowing an honour for the very thing which should have led to it being withheld. It cannot be pleaded that the conduct which led to public criticism was in the dim past; that it is unfair to rake up a man's long forgotten record. Only last May Levison and Robertson were pilloried in JOHN BULL for their gross inefficiency in collecting for the Russian Jews' Relief Fund and the Palestine Jews' Relief Fund.

AN INDICTMENT IN FIGURES.

Here is what we stated at the time, under the heading "Charity as a Business"—and not one figure of that indictment has been disproved:—

> The income of the Palestine Jews' Relief Fund was much smaller, because of the strong objection of Jews—£5,377—but the expenditure was as much as £2,092. The organisers appear to have been woefully incompetent as well as extravagant, because they scarcely knew what to do with the money for Palestine Jews. Twelve months after collecting it, and after deducting those terrific expenses, they lamely handed over the balance to the Foreign Office, to be given to the Zionist Commission. Both Funds were carried on from the George Street offices of Bailie Robertson, and some of the items of expenditure in connection with the Russian Jews' Fund are illuminating. Taking the years 1916 and 1917, we find: salaries £809 and £970; advertising, £2,713 and £1,649; railway fares and travelling expenses, £208 and £557; postages, telegrams and telephones, £715 and £470; printing and stationery, £1,546 and £1,586; office expenses, £152 and £236; issuing appeals, £37 and £182; flags, £231 and £1,132.

Of course these wasteful persons tried to make out a case for themselves, and Levison pretended that the Jewish feeling against him—a pervert, or a convert, to Christianity—was in the nature of a vendetta, that increased expenditure would not have been incurred if the movement had been carried out "unmolested." It appears that Levison's "contact with philosophic ideas drove him to embrace Christianity and reject Judaism," and this meant family ostracism. Nevertheless, when war broke out, he started this Russian Relief Fund. Now it need not be said that JOHN BULL knows nothing of religious bitterness or sectarian backbiting. We care not whether a man be a Jew or a Hottentot. But what we do say is that the pockets of the charitable should not be filched for the meeting of administrative expenses, and that a little less philosophy and a few more sound business ideas would better serve those who exploit the kind hearts of the British people. When for every £1 subscribed 9s. goes in expenses, as a West of Scotland subscriber wrote at the time, some explanation is necessary. When the Russian Fund was started, Russia was still on the side of the Allies; and in the year ended July 31, 1916, nearly £28,000 was roped in. Then Russia turned and betrayed us, and in the following year the charitable responded only with the amount of £15,900. Of that £43,900, £13,426 was swallowed up in expenses; and in the second year, for every £57 which went in relief £43 was eaten up by the expense incurred. Now we may admire the ex-Jew who wanted to help his erstwhile religionists, but there were other funds doing exactly what Levison was affecting to do; and so far as Levison's Palestine fund is concerned, not only was it never wanted—the money subscribed could not be got rid of except in the way of expenses. As we stated three months ago, the money had to be spent somehow—that is, what was left after the grossly extravagant expenditure—and it was handed over to the Foreign Office. Levison tried to meet criticism of his scandalously wasteful administration, and dared to suggest that the beneficiaries of his Russian Fund were "deprived only of 6 per cent. in respect of the cost of raising the money."

INCOMPETENT PHILANTHROPISTS.

As we have shown, they were deprived of 30 per cent., while in respect of the Palestine Fund it was 40 per cent. Who would controvert the criticism that incompetent philanthropists of this type are not fit to be entrusted with the stewardship of any charitable fund? Leon Levison ought to think himself lucky that he got out of this miserable muddle with nothing worse attaching to his name than the discredit which follows the wasteful and incompetent handling of public money. It is common knowledge that under the guise of war charities the public have been most disgracefully exploited. But we say unhesitatingly that the revelations in the case of Levison and Robertson make up a story of culpable incompetence.

Thousands of good citizens have done splendid work—their war record stands as an endurable monument of British patriotism and munificence. They have neither asked nor sought any reward but the guerdon of a clean conscience and duty well done. And yet they are compelled to look on and see a person like Leon Levison singled out for honour by the King, raised above his fellows—not for what he did well, but for what he did lamentably ill; for having erected a monument of discredit in the name of the Jews of Russia, for having shown gross incompetence in dealing with public funds. Some day, we hope, His Majesty will bring to book those who discredit the Royal favour and pollute the fountain of honour. In the meantime, we ask once more, who was responsible for advising the King to create this undeserving Knight?

"DEUTSCHLAND" IN THE THAMES.

German Under-sea Monster to be on view at Charing Cross.—Great Variety of Historic Victory Trophies.—Special Terms and Facilities for our Readers.

Germany's great submarine monster, the "Deutschland," designed for the undoing of the British Fleet, and now the property of John Bull, Ltd., is about to leave Newcastle-on-Tyne—where she had been taken for the purpose of being thoroughly overhauled—en route *for the Thames, where she will be moored off Charing Cross Pier, for the inspection of Londoners and the vast crowd of visitors now in the Metropolis. The price of admission to the general public will be one shilling, but readers of this journal, producing the coupon which will be found in next week's issue and which we shall continue to publish during the stay of the vessel in the Thames, will be entitled to admission at half price.*

A reduction of 25 per cent. will also be allowed to John Bull readers upon all the souvenirs (guaranteed to be made from "Deutschland" metal), which will shortly be on sale. These victory trophies will take a variety of forms, including the iron cross, medal and brooch, John Bull and his dog paperweight, ash-tray, pin-tray, match-box, cigarette-case, serviette ring, spoon with bas-relief model of the vessel, etc. Designs are now being prepared by a leading firm of manufacturers, and the trophies will be sold at popular prices, particulars of which will be announced next week. We hope also to complete arrangements for porcelain models of the vessel, whilst photo postcards, interesting and informative handbooks, and guides will also be on sale.

We hope also next week to announce the second place of visit, after Londoners and their friends have had their full opportunity.

By arrangement with the Admiralty, all profits arising from the exhibition will go to King George's Fund for Sailors. Visitors will therefore have the additional satisfaction of knowing that they are helping this splendid charity.

VICTORY BOND CLUB.

FIRST SERIES OF BONDS COMPLETED.

AS already announced, owing to the refusal of the Chancellor of the Exchequer to extend the time for the receipt of applications for the recent Victory Loan, it was decided to confine the first series in connection with this Club to £500,000 of Victory Bonds—which have been duly taken up—the prizes being in the same proportion as that contemplated for an issue of £1,000,000, namely, a minimum first prize of £10,000; a minimum second prize of £2,000; a minimum third prize of £1,000, and the balance of the Prize Fund as follows: Five prizes of £250 each; ten prizes of £125 each; twenty prizes of £50 each; forty prizes of £25 each; one thousand prizes of £2 10s. each—less income tax. It is hoped, however, that the deductions in respect of income tax may to some extent be counterbalanced by the receipt of bonuses from the Government on bonds drawn for redemption.

The question of a second series is now under consideration and a communication will reach members in due course.

The work of getting out certificates has been extremely heavy, but is now on the point of completion. To have acknowledged individually all the receipts prior to the dispatch of certificates would have involved an enormous amount of work and an expenditure of several thousand pounds; and as it is the desire of Mr. Bottomley to keep the expenses down to the lowest possible level, it was decided not to incur this heavy item—the certificate thus constituting the receipt.

It is proposed to convene a meeting of subscribers early in September for the election of Trustees, the appointment of Auditors and other business connected with the Club. At this meeting one of the questions to be considered will be that of a half-yearly draw—as the interest on the bonds is payable by the Government half-yearly, though, of course at the first half-yearly drawing nothing could be brought into account for redemption of bonds, as the Government drawings are made only once a year.

Members are specially asked not to trouble the Secretary with any correspondence which can possibly be avoided, as the clerical work is extremely heavy. Notice of meeting will be given in due course through the columns of this journal.

As we have previously explained, the £1 shares of the Club should steadily appreciate in value as the date for the first drawing approaches. The capital being guaranteed by the State, there can, of course, be no loss—whilst each certificate carries with it the right to participate in every drawing until the bonds are ultimately redeemed by the Government. Many inquiries are already being made for shares, but members are strongly advised not to part with their holdings. If, however, any of them are desirous of doing so, they should communicate direct with the Secretary, Victory Bond Club, 26, King Street, St. James's, London, S.W. 1.

AN IMPUDENT DEFAULTER

COUNTRY BOOKMAKER'S LAPSES OF MEMORY.

Mr. John Huntley, of 116, Commercial Road, Swindon, describes himself euphemistically as a "Turf Commission Agent." If, as his circulars claim, Mr. Huntley does a big "starting-price" business on a credit basis, we can only conclude that he was formerly a good deal less "long-winded" than at present, for on his present form he is losing clients every day. Within the last week or two we have received a number of complaints against this gentleman, among the latest being one from a Croydon reader whose experience is typical. Having opened an account with Mr. Huntley, our correspondent had a run of ill fortune, losing some £12—which, as an honest sportsman, he promptly paid. Then suddenly his luck changed, his winnings on one or two popular events amounting to £24. At this point a hitch occurred, neither sharp letters nor prepaid telegrams having the least effect upon Mr. Huntley, who was evidently suffering from acute loss of memory as regards his financial obligations. Not to be put off in this way, our friend took train to Swindon, where he put up for the night and was rewarded next morning by an interview with the bookmaker, who, after a good deal of haggling, paid £5 on account, promising to post the balance in three instalments. However, instead of keeping to his bargain, Huntley next tried the effect of intimidation by means of a solicitor's letter, with an absurd suggestion of "blackmail," since when our correspondent has heard no more of the matter. From other complaints to hand it is evident that this was by no means an exceptional lapse. Mr. Huntley's title to a place among the "wrong 'uns" is beyond all reasonable doubt.

MONEY FOR NOTHING.

UNBLUSHING YANKEE MEDICAL SWINDLE.

In these hard times an offer of £3 a week certain is not to be sneezed at, especially when the money can be had without the tedious preliminary of honest work. Not for a long time have we come across anything so precious as the "Money Making Masterpiece" advertised by Mr. F. H. Phillips, of "Shanklin," Sutton Grove, Sutton. The simplicity of Mr. Phillips' money-making scheme, particulars of which will be sent for 1s. 1d., is almost sufficient to give one the blind staggers. As his circular states, "It can be operated by either sex in town or country . . . requiring but little capital, absolutely no experience, and practically little equipment of any kind to start." The first thing to do, it appears, is to insert some such advertisement as this in the local papers:—

> **A Simple Home Recipe for Headache. Buy 6d. worth of Saltine Powder at the Druggist's and take a teaspoonful dissolved in a glass of warm water. Relief will be almost immediate. Saltine Powder can be procured from any Druggist, or from—(Here insert your own name and address.)**

Quite simple, no doubt, if you happen to be familiar with the secrets of the laboratory, but who but an expert in medicine could prepare the Saltine Powders? Well, that is the secret for which you pay the 1s. 1d. It's dead easy. Listen:—

> **You purchase Bicarbonate of Soda in wholesale quantities, put it up in two-ounce packages and label "Saltine Powder for Headaches, etc." . and leave several packages with each Druggist in town.**

A Chiswick reader, indignant at this imposture, learned that its author "could receive no further correspondence on the matter" as he was "off to America." There is no doubt whatever that these Yanks are a high-souled lot.

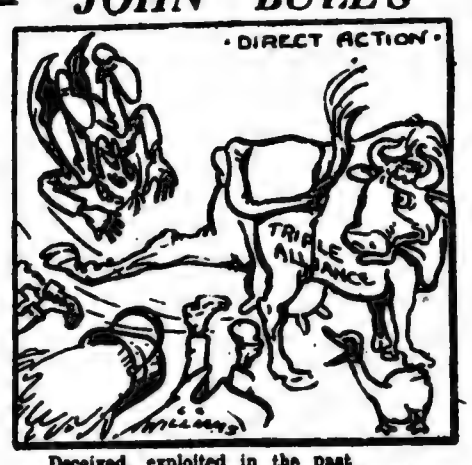
A WORD TO THE G.P.O.

THE RETURNED POSTMAN'S KNOCK.

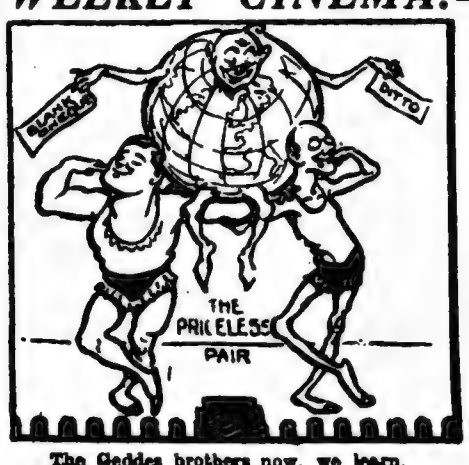
The bad way the G.P.O. is behaving to its returned servants has already been the subject of our censure. Auxiliary or part-time postmen were quickly put on full-time duty at the outbreak of war. When they afterwards enlisted, voluntarily and with permission, they were officially promised reinstatement. The way it works out is that they resume work as auxiliaries once more, at a wage of £1 7s. 0d.—for married men. They are told they cannot be appointed to full duty because they have not applied for a pension. It seems a curious reason, especially when they are further informed that, if they are granted one, they will be examined to see whether they are capable of it. This suggests a nasty desire to trick the men in either case. It is put to us that at the E.C.D.O. there are 120 postwomen on full duty; about 50 "Conchies" doing "national work"—full duty, and nearly 200 temporary postmen, on full duty, who have not served. It should be easy for some courageous "head" at that Office to clear out a few of these in order to give returned auxiliary men the complete reinstatement to which they are undoubtedly entitled. Those part-timers who, for medical or other sufficient reasons, did not enlist, are also in hard case. Their pre-war wage was but 13s. 9d. a week for 4½ hours daily. At the call of duty they surrendered the various vocations which they followed in their spare time to supplement this miserable stipend. They are making room for their regular colleagues who have returned from the Army, by reverting to part-time employment, and are suffering greatly, as they are unable to pick up again the threads of the businesses which they sacrificed. Now, Mr. Illingworth!

"JOHN BULL'S" WEEKLY CINEMA.

At last, despite a certain section,
The police "strike" in the right direction.



Deceived, exploited in the past,
On her false friends she turns at last.



The Geddes brothers now, we learn,
Will give their celebrated turn.

It will distribute nasty shocks
Should there prove nothing in the box!

BROKEN FOR TELL

Lieutenant Canning: Disgraceful Sequel—The

By THE EDI

SCANDALS are cropping up every day—this is the very age of scandals—and the public are growing more and more angry with the authorities, who not only permit these things to continue but try to hide the culprits or to whitewash their blackened characters. I have championed the cause of Miss Douglas Pennant, who was dismissed because she did her duty; and now, in spite of the opposition of Ministers, an inquiry is to be held into her case. We shall hear more, too, of that other victim of the Air Ministry, Miss O'Sullivan. She also was treated disgracefully and dismissed because she found out things—and that is what the mandarins dislike above all else. I shall have a great deal more to say on these matters, but this week I want to take up the cause, not of an honest woman who was broken for doing her duty, but of a gallant officer who has been shamefully treated because he exposed the scandalous laxity at the Lofthouse Park Internment Camp more than a year ago, and by his patriotic action threw a lurid light on the way in which the authorities pampered the lordly Huns.

The Adverse Report.

It was Honorary Lieutenant Canning, an officer of long service, who had risen from the ranks, who was court-martialled because in the officers' mess he said in the hearing of Lt.-Colonel G. S. Haines, the Commandant of the Camp, "You have only to be a Baron in this camp to be treated in a preferential manner." The sting of that remark was its truth. We know now how Mrs. Leverton-Harris visited the Hun, Baron Von Plessen, the dear "half-English boy"; how Waller, of the Home Office, whose identity has never been properly revealed, ordered special facilities and privileges for this lady the wife of one of His Majesty's Ministers, now happily retired into private life—and we know also that the result of the Court-Martial, at which not one word was said against the private character or personal conduct of Lieut. Canning, was that that officer, who, when the war broke out, had already served twenty years in the Army, was found "Not Guilty," and honourably acquitted. Every right-minded man applauded the action of this gallant officer. It was proved that his sole object as Adjutant of the internment camp was to do his duty, to carry out the Regulations without fear or favour, and to be no party to allowing the Hun, whether private or princeling, to be pampered by Society women or coddled by Camp Commandants. And so, amid universal approval, Lieut. Canning won; Colonel Haines, who had charged him with conduct "to the prejudice of good order and military discipline"—how many honest fellows in the Army have had to meet that charge?—was confounded. And of course the junior officer so honourably acquitted received the warm congratulations of the authorities and was marked for speedy promotion?

"Or Words to that Effect."

No, nothing of the kind. At once there began a conspiracy to break Canning. Unfounded charges were trumped up, an adverse Report—midnight bludgeon of many a cowardly C.O.—was sent to the War Office, and the man who had exposed laxity and licence was hurried off to the fighting line without any chance of answering the allegations. It is a story so scandalous that it must be told in detail, and the first thing to do is to give that adverse Report from Colonel Haines to Headquarters, York:—

Wakefield, 26.6.18.

In view of War Office telegram, dated 25th June, 1918, and after careful consideration, I have the honour most respectfully to protest against the return to duty, at this camp, of Honorary Lieut. and Quarter-Master A. Canning. I quite understand that as Lieutenant Canning was found "not guilty," by General Court-Martial, which assembled on the 18th instant, of the charges brought against him, the ordinary procedure would be his reinstatement. In making the following statement, I have the honour to declare that I am not actuated by any but the feeling that his return to this camp would not be for his good, the good of his brother officers, or for that of the public service.

I have the honour to state as follows: On the morning of 17th May following the night of the occurrence reported to you by me which led to the General Court-Martial, Lieutenant (Interpreter) Blundell came to me whilst I was at breakfast and said, "Colonel, I feel an apology is due to you from me. It was I who started the unfortunate discussion at the table. You know quite well, sir, what Canning is when he has had two or three whiskies before dinner," or words to that effect. I had always considered Lieutenant Canning a most abstemious man, and I replied with some irritation "I don't want to hear anything about Canning and his whiskies," or words to that effect. Later in the day, Capt. Hunter, the Camp Medical Officer, came to me and said, "I am sorry about last night, sir. I hear Canning insulted you at the mess table. He would not be so utterly impossible if he left the bottle alone." I said, "I have always put him down as a most abstemious man." Capt. Hunter replied, "He often drinks in his bed-room, and none of us ever go there for that reason," or words to that effect. When I heard this, I was of opinion that the explanation of Lieutenant Canning's insulting and insubordinate conduct to me was to hand. In the afternoon of the same day, the 17th May, Lieutenant Stoton came to me, knowing nothing of the previous night's occurrence, and asked me if I would hear a report on Lieutenant Canning's behaviour to the prisoners. By this time I had had enough, and refused—saying, "I cannot hear reports against a brother officer by Germans. Let them complain to the Swiss Legation," or words to that effect. Lieut. Stoton said, "Well, sir, the matter is serious, and I am given to understand that the Camp Captains will not answer for Mr. Canning's safety in the camp," or words to that effect. I replied, "Put it on paper at once"—which he did. I enclose the report, which I have refrained from sending forward for fear of being considered prejudiced.

I have frequently spoken to Lieutenant Canning on the subject, saying Sir Herbert Henry Belfield had told me the aliens at Wakefield were to be treated as gentlemen, and that he had replied "I will do so, sir, as long as their behaviour is in keeping with their alleged status," or words to that effect. Right or wrong, these were my orders to Lieutenant Canning, and he ought to have obeyed them according to my ideas and not according to his own. I feel it necessary to explain here that many of the prisoners of war, the greater part of them, after nearly four years of captivity, are in a state of nerves bordering on mental derangement, and requiring at least tactful treatment. In the absence of any orders to institute reprisals, I have always tried to justify the confidence shown by the Director of Prisoners of War in selecting me for the Command of this very difficult camp. It is obvious that Lieutenant Canning is very cordially disliked by all the officers. For myself, I can only say I have been perfectly loyal to him in every possible way. I think his Commission has been too much for him and turned his head. He has a craving for power without knowing how to use it. He knows that from the first I have been his best friend.

On the day of his trial I saw him at the window of his quarters. I went up and spoke to him. He was very nervous and looked wretched. He said, "Don't be too hard on me, Colonel. I hope I won't be kicked out of the service; I am making no defence except to mention unsupervised visits. I am awfully sorry for what I did, but I lost my temper," or words to that effect. I said, "I have been very much upset, too, but now I can only give my simple evidence on oath, but I am afraid we cannot soldier together again," or words to that effect, and then wished him luck and left him. As for the "unsupervised visits," if such a thing ever took place it was his fault, not mine.

After detailing yet another conversation in which Col. Haines quotes Canning as having praised the splendid condition of the Camp, the accusing Commandant continues:

Since Lieutenant Canning left the Camp under arrest, the sense of relief has been most marked throughout, and I felt that I had the sympathy and good will of every officer in the mess. I have the honour to state, in addition to the facts set forth above, I would not care for the responsibility of sending Lieutenant Canning into the Camp among the prisoners of war, as things are at present. In the light of what happened at the Court-Martial, I feel that I may be the victim of the misapprehensions that led to the verdict of the Court.

There are pages more of the adverse Report in which the Commandant belauds his own services, incidentally attacks the newspapers for "lying reports," and seeks to get behind the verdict of the Court-Martial. And it is this libellous stuff in which the charge against

LLING THE TRUTH.

—The Adverse Report—A Demand for Justice.

HE EDITOR.

Canning, already, as we have said, disproved—" revolting and insubordinate conduct " is the phrase the Commandant flings at the War Office—which is tolerated by those in authority. The public have often heard of the adverse Reports by which superior officers seek to traduce their juniors—well, this is a specimen of them.

The Devious Way.

But note what happens. Canning was honourably acquitted on June 18th; within a week the Commandant has turned out this adverse Report, in which he reiterates the Court-Martial charges plus drunkenness, and within six weeks Canning is " relieved " of the duties he performed with so much zeal, and is shipped off to France in a hurry. Mark that hurry. This is the telegram from the Military Secretary's Office, War Office :—" Very urgent.—Order Lieutenant and Quarter-Master Canning to proceed to join Expeditionary Force, France, on 3rd August.—M. D. Graham, Colonel, Deputy Military Secretary." Canning, of course, obeyed orders. He reached Calais on August 4th, and was kicking up his heels there for six weeks—until 17th September. " Very Urgent "! And let this be said: Canning had already served two years with the fighting forces; he was now suffering from a physical disability, and yet he was hurried off to the firing line without a medical examination. What was the result? He was placed with the 13th King's Liverpools, and in a month the rigours of service and marching crocked him. And he has since been gazetted out as an invalid. Now it is that, his lips being unsealed, he can speak out. But before seeking the publicity which JOHN BULL is ready to give to anyone who has a genuine case, he knocked without avail at the door of the War Office—he asked for an inquiry. But no inquiry has been granted. You see, Canning is only a " common soldier " who had dared to rise by his own capacity to the rank of Honorary Lieutenant. The first attempt to break him failed—a Court-Martial, fortunately held in public, honourably acquitted him (although it was quite by accident that the facts were published), and so the Camp Commandant took his revenge by the adverse Report and the accusation of drunkenness, of which nothing was heard at the Court-Martial. Those charges, made so recklessly, involving as they do the character of the man who had beaten his superior in open Court, have never been investigated.

A Demand for Justice.

Canning demands investigation. He has written pathetic letters to the War Office, and they have remained unanswered. Is contemptuous silence the proper attitude towards an appeal from an officer with a long and honourable record of 22 years' service, who desires only to meet his accuser face to face? " Character exemplary; a thoroughly reliable, sound and sober man in every respect." That is the writing on his discharge paper in 1916. And here is what Lt.-Col. Darby, Commanding 4th Hussars, writes of Canning in September, 1916 :—" I am extremely sorry that he is now taking his discharge. I have known him 14 years, and have always found him a most capable and trustworthy man. My best wishes go with him." Canning enlisted in the 21st Hussars in 1894, and went to India with the 4th Hussars two years later. Could anyone wish for a better character than this from Major Mockett, 4th Hussars, under date September, 1916—after his discharge and before getting his commission? " I have known him 17 years. A man of great ability; of sound method. He is honest to a degree, sober and trustworthy. He is leaving the regiment on the completion of 22 years' service, much to the regret of all who knew him. His loss will be keenly felt." But even Colonel Haines, who has sought to injure Canning, can be quoted in his favour—and be it remembered he never breathed a word against the Lieutenant until he himself had been " downed " at the Court-Martial. Six months after Canning went to Lofthouse Internment Camp—in September, 1917—came this telegram from the War Office :—" We propose putting forward the name of Lt. Canning to be Temporary Captain, with pay and allowance whilst employed as Adjutant and Quarter-Master. Do you recommend this officer for promotion? " And this was the reply :—" I have the honour to state that I strongly recommend the said promotion. G. S. Haines, Lt.-Col. Commandant."

Feasting a Foe.

Let an inquiry be ordered to discover whether Canning's prime offence was not faithfulness to duty! When he went to the Camp he found that the Germans were treated with culpable laxity. Such special favourites as Count Metternich, Count Nettlebladt (the spy), Baron von Plessen (Mrs. Leverton-Harris's " half-English boy "), Baron D'Ott, Baron Worms and others were having the time of their lives. In order that the visits of outsiders should be properly supervised, Canning suggested that no special visits should be allowed; but that did not suit the Commandant. " Persons," he said, " who had the special visits were of the higher order." It was in fighting against this lax discipline that Canning came up against Haines, and particularly where Baron von Plessen was concerned. Is it difficult to imagine the disgust of the Adjutant, at a time when every decent Britisher was on short commons, to have to " assist " by his presence, at a contraband feed indulged in by Mrs. Leverton-Harris and her " half-English boy "? Now that Canning can speak without fear we get the full truth. " Mrs. Leverton-Harris came laden with a huge basket containing chickens, fresh rolls, butter, fruit, wine and chocolate—quite enough for six ordinary people. I had instructions not to interfere with this arrangement. I was invited to the repast, but I remembered the Food Controller. She desired the Baron to take the remains into Camp. I refused, and she was very disappointed and annoyed having to take them out. I thought, if only the woman had succoured our wounded soldiers who had fought for England in the same manner it would have made an immortal picture in the Royal Academy." And here is another, and a different, aspect of a two-hour visit. " Mrs. Harris asked me whether she might read a letter to Von Plessen. I said ' Yes, as long as it does not contain any German.' Mrs. Harris thereupon read some passages from a letter, and then asked me whether she might hand it to Von Plessen. My reply was ' Yes, if I examine it first and initial it as having passed the censorship.' This did not suit Mrs. Harris, and she retained the letter." Having in view the health of Canning and the fact that he was hurried off to France without a medical examination, this belated answer from the War Office after many letters appealing for an inquiry may be regarded as peculiarly cynical and unsatisfactory :—

War Office, Whitehall, S.W.1.

16.6.19.

SIR,—With reference to correspondence ending with your letter of the 30th ultimo, I am commanded by the Army Council to inform you that you were not ordered overseas in August last on account of any report rendered upon your services whilst employed at home, but that you were detailed as a reinforcement in the same way as many other quartermasters who were serving at Prisoners of War Camps and who were fit for general service.

I am, Sir, Your obedient Servant,

B. B. CUBITT.

With this letter I am content to finish Canning's story—for the present. No one who reads it can fail to be impressed with the honesty of the man, and to be disgusted with the conspiracy which it brings to light. In August, 1916, when we were in the darkest days of the war, I gave my pledge that " no case of hardship or injustice shall go unchallenged." I have endeavoured, often under great difficulties, to beat down the red-tape entanglements which stand between the humble soldier and the junior officer and justice. The fact that the war is ended does not affect the right of every man to defend his personal honour and to clear his character when it is wantonly besmirched. Canning has suffered for his patriotism; he is another of the many martyrs to duty. I leave every fair-minded man to judge this case on the facts put forward, and to join with me in demanding the inquiry so long and so callously denied.

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THE PEOPLE'S PULPIT.

The readers of "JOHN BULL" discuss matters of Public Interest.

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For short acknowledgments of communications and replies to other letters—selected from our general mail—see "Letter Bag," page 18.

The "Sub-Letting" Scandal.

People without homes are now being charged £2 and more per week for the accommodation of two rooms, without board or attendance. Cannot the Government make it illegal for any person to charge more than the rent of the whole house for the accommodation of half the house, or a fixed rate of, say, £10 a year for each apartment used?—ALEX. PENMAN, Godwyn Rd., Dover.

(Certainly many of the rents charged for lodgings by the existing tenants of houses are extortionate, and we agree that a clause ought to be added to the Rent Restriction Bill regulating these charges.)

Points for the "Profiteering" Bill.

Herewith a few suggestions. Compel cold storages to supply returns of all perishable food stuffs, with period of storage, and enforce the clearance of all stocks six months old or over. Compel railways (or other transport), to give priority of transit to markets of fish, fruit, milk, etc., and so prevent criminal waste and artificial shortage. In fixing *maximum* control prices, base the profits on pre-war scales.—JOHN WATSON, Canton Street, Liverpool.

(We commend the first suggestion to the Food Controller. The second point has been dealt with in the Profiteering Bill.)

American Precept—and Practice!

According to Press reports, the United States of America have in preparation a military programme, providing for a peace time Army of 510,000 men, and a reserve of 1,250,000. This seems very inconsistent with the "League of Nations" dream, which was the inspiration of their own President.—JAMES CAWTHORNE, Western Road, Ealing, W. 5.

(Yes, we must keep our eye on Wilson. In other words, "Watch America!")

Plundering the Public Purse.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer says that four-and-a-half millions of public money is daily being spent. Where, and for what purpose, is this prodigal expenditure? One of the Government Ministries was recently the victim of fraud in respect of wages paid to "non-existent" men. Is this happening in the other spending Departments? If the Crown authorities, who know the facts, refuse to move, it is the nation's duty to see that those proved guilty of a grave dereliction of duty "move" at once.—CHAS. F. STEWART, Main Street, Bridgeton, Glasgow.

(We agree with our correspondent and think it would be a very useful thing to secure a Return giving the details of one day's expenditure.)

Five Guineas is paid to the writer of the most interesting letter. That amount has been sent to Mr. A. Peachey.

Tax Advertisements!

A source of revenue which would not, in any great measure, hit the people, would be to tax, according to size, all advertisements exhibited; the collection of the tax to take the form of Inland Revenue stamps. The advertiser to pay the tax in all cases.—F. B. NORTON, Northcote Street, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

(This was one of the suggestions we made to the Chancellor of the Exchequer when the Budget was before the House; and we shall stick to it.)

The Old "Aliens Act."

Why not restore the Act of Parliament of A.D. 1700? "No person born out of the Kingdom of England, Scotland, or Ireland (although he be naturalised), except such as are born of English parents, shall be capable to be of the Privy Council, or a Member of either House of Parliament, or to enjoy any office or place of trust either Civil or Military, or to have any grant of land, tenements, or hereditaments from the Crown to himself or to any others in trust for him." Three days after the war broke out the Government so repealed this Act as to place us at the mercy of the alien international financier.—A. PEACHEY, Cliftonville Hotel, Margate.

(We intend to make an effort to incorporate some of these lapsed provisions when the Alien Restriction Bill again comes up in the House.)

Housing the Middle Classes.

The present "Housing Schemes" seem to provide for working men and their families, and have no regard to the wants of the "middle class." There are thousands of professional men or tradesmen in England who would be prepared to erect their own houses, provided that the Government would definitely say they are prepared to give the individuals the same financial assistance, and release building materials to the same extent, as they propose to do to any local authority undertaking a "Housing Scheme."—ARTHUR W. LEWIS, "Elstree," Gateacre, Liverpool.

(We fully sympathise with our correspondent's suggestion. By the way, what has become of the Middle-class League?)

Income Tax Collection.

If stamps and cards were introduced, so that the tax on all incomes of less than £1,000 per annum could be paid in weekly or monthly instalments, our principal source of revenue would be popularised.—ROBERT BOGLE, Park Road, Exeter.

(We have frequently advocated this method of collecting Income Tax upon wages and salaries, and shall continue to press it upon the Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

"Billeting" in Peace.

Judging from the ease with which we were passed on to civilian billets when training to "strafe" the Hun, I believe the military authorities had a list of houses in most districts which had available billeting room. Would it not be possible in these days of State control to use those same lists to force people who have rooms to let them to us at reasonable rents, pending the Housing Scheme's fulfilment?—F. H. NICHOLL, Bury Road, Noel Park, Wood Green.

(No doubt this scheme would be useful in the case of single men, but the crux of the Housing problem is to find accommodation for families.)

Keeping Prices Up.

In three counties this week I saw acres of rhubarb cut with a scythe and left on the ground to rot, whilst in shops near it was selling at 8d. the bundle of three to five sticks; radishes and lettuces pulled and left in heaps to rot in the sun—because, if put on the market in bulk, prices would come down with a rush. Why do not the Government prosecute these wasters of food and authorise municipalities to appoint Purchasing Officers to commandeer and market at a fair price these and other growing crops?—H. CORSER, Leagram Street, Newcastle, Staffs.

(We are quite sure that if the Food Controller is furnished with particulars of these cases, the culprits will be speedily brought to justice.)

Warning to White Girls.

Do English girls know that by throwing in their lot with coloured men they are signing their own social death-warrant? Quite recently no less than six white girls committed suicide at the Cape; they had gone there with black husbands, and from the moment of landing were awakened to the horror of their position—the marriage of black with white is expressly forbidden under South African law!—H. J. CROCKER, Ambleside, Newton Abbot.

(We have frequently warned English girls against contracting alliances with blacks. Such marriages are, in 99 cases out of 100, invalid in the husband's country.)

RACING NOTES AND ANTICIPATIONS.

A ST LEGER HINT.

By "THE SQUIRE."

The hard ground and the presumed shortage of horses are the most popular reasons advanced for the small fields of late. Now a third has sprung up, in the shape of a mild epidemic of coughing. This is passing through most of the stables in Wiltshire. Cotterill, the Foxhill trainer, informs me that 75 per cent. of the horses owned by Mr. James White have fallen victims to this summer malady, and that it will not be possible for him to run any horses for a fortnight at least. However, IRISH ELEGANCE has no immediate engagements, his next liability being the Peveril of the Peak Plate, at Derby, next month. Other stables are affected with this cough, no doubt accounting for so many horses declining their engagements. It is this that is making winner-finding so difficult. One establishment that has so far escaped is that which shelters the St. Leger candidate, SIR DOUGLAS. I can, therefore, inform those who share with me the view that Sir Hedworth Meux's colt will win the St. Leger, that no horse could possibly be reporting better progress. A different story has to be penned where THE PANTHER is concerned, and I doubt if we shall see him out again this season. He has been under veterinary treatment now for some weeks. The once smooth action that was his appears to have departed. He has, indeed, fallen from his high estate. In any case, the Guineas winner is not at all likely to trouble SIR DOUGLAS at Doncaster. The latter's Goodwood exploit of giving CHAT TON 21 lbs. and a beating, bears the closest scrutiny.

WEEK'S SELECTIONS.

STOCKTON—WEDNESDAY.
County Stand Handicap—DANEGELT.
Hardwicke Stakes—*MARSHAL NEIL.
Stockton Stewards' Handicap—STARSHOT.

STOCKTON—THURSDAY.
Middlesbrough Welter—WOORALI.
Exton Plate—*DUFFY.
Wilton Welter—CROSS TREE.

BATH—WEDNESDAY.
Sprint Handicap—VANITIE.
Bath Handicap—*CHALLOW.
County Maiden Plate—VIOLA.

BATH—THURSDAY.
Grenville Plate—*DOUBLE BED.
Grosvenor Handicap—DORELUS.
Dodington Welter—DUMB WAITER.

HURST PARK—FRIDAY.
Wilderness Handicap—ARDAVON.
Hurst Stakes—GREAT JOY.
Vine Maiden Plate—*ETON RAMBLER.
Fountain Handicap—MUSCOVITE.

HURST PARK—SATURDAY.
Lennox Plate—SUNNY PRINCESS.
Nonsuch Handicap—PROPAGATION.
Maze Handicap—*DOUBLE OR QUITS.

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"TOMMY."

Our New "Rookies":—We are told that recruiting for the New Army is progressing satisfactorily; but we should like to know how many unfit men are being passed by the doctors. We hear of numerous recruits who are enlisted, clothed, and fed, only to be sent back to civilian life when arduous drill finds out their weak spots. There may have been an excuse for this kind of thing when we were hastily raising a huge army; but there is none now.

Our Watch on the Rhine:—More batches of complaints concerning cigarettes or the want of them have reached us from the Rhine. The Canteen Board serves Tommy out with packets of "muck," with weird names, while the German shops are stocked with the favourite English brands. The Huns have such large supplies of these that they go to the expense of advertising the fact in the newspapers!

The Rotten Rouble:—Our men in Russia have a very legitimate complaint concerning their pay, which is dished out in the shape of roubles. Officially each rouble is regarded as worth 4¾d., whereas the Tommies tell us that the actual value has seldom exceeded 1½d. At Vladivostock the soldiers are paid at the rate of 80 roubles to the £, but the official exchange at the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank, in the town, is 164 to the £. And yet we hear of the "splendid" rate of pay enjoyed by our troops in Russia!

In Egypt:—Is the feeding at the 24th Stationary Hospital at Kantara all that it should be? We base our question on letters received from the patients there. It is bad enough to keep 1915 Tommies still mobilised; it is adding insult to injury to give them poor and insufficient food. We have many other complaints from Kantara Camp, which appears to be an additional plague of Egypt.

Soldier Scavengers:—Is it the wish of Parliament that our troops sojourning among the Huns should be compelled by their officers to act as street scavengers? The soldiers strongly resent this debasement, which not only brings our uniform into disrepute, but draws the sneers and laughter of our enemies.

"JACK."

The Poor Taxpayer:—The drifter *Ruler of the Seas* did excellent work, and now, as she is not wanted, should be sent back to her fishing base to earn money. Her crew, like so many others, want to be free of the official octopus to obtain sufficient cash to tide them over the winter. We are afraid, however, that the poor chaps will be left in the lurch. There are scores of our little boats which could be relieved, though a certain proportion of naval officers would no longer be able to take joy rides.

A Plea:—The crew of H.M.S. *Sarepta* have asked us to bring their grievances before the authorities. We were long ago assured that John Bull was scarcely on the street before every important official at the Admiralty and War Office had a copy to see what grievances were ventilated, and we are happy to be able to say that they have usually taken remedial action. Will the commanding officer of the *Sarepta* take the hint?

For Whitehall:—H.M.S. *Caesar* is a depot ship at Constantinople. She is full of men who should be demobilised. The boys cannot get away, although those of the *Superb* and *Temeraire* have been sent home. The Admiralty, the silent oyster of Whitehall, seems to be able to give a beating to the War Office, and that is saying much.

A "Wireless" Woe:—The wireless men, called "sparks," on H.M.T. *Aurea*, are compelled to do deck hands' work. Perhaps Whitehall will tell us how they can do such work and at the same time be in the wireless cabin waiting for "S.O.S." or other calls.

Discharge Them:—There are a number of "hostility men" on H.M.S. *Valorous* and other ships, who are entitled to demobilisation, but cannot obtain the privilege. Will the Admiralty please note?

Out of Date:—H.M.S. *Espiegle* is now in the roaring hot Dead Sea, and her crew are grilling. This sloop was built 19 years ago, and everything is worked by hand, which means perspiring torture for her company. It is about time to take her home and sell her, replacing the out of date tub with a modern destroyer.

"THE GREATEST OF THESE—"

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A Dead Hero Helped:—A young soldier gave his life for us in Flanders, and in due course his widowed mother—he was her only son—received his trinkets from the War Office Effects Department. It must have been a wrench to her, but she sent them to us to be sold to help a sad case. The extra money thus raised arrived just as the little boy of the poor recipient was "gasping out the last few hours of his life." Poor lad! A soldier's son, the gate of life was opening to him, but the hand of Death touched him just when he should have been beginning to know the joy of living. The widow who gave her son to the country will, we are sure, feel glad that, through her gallant dead boy, she brought comfort to the stricken child and his mourning widowed mother.

A Tommy's Task:—A discharged soldier, unable to work, sought us. His wife had died and left him with three young children. There were several debts, including the funeral expenses. We immediately came to his help.

One of Very Many:—A demobilised man who cannot obtain employment visited us. His wife is in very delicate health, and he has some youngsters to keep. A few small debts were also pressing upon him, but, as the late Lord Kitchener used to say, we put him "on the straight."

A Malaria Victim:—Our Military Editor, when giving evidence before the Select Committee on Pensions, suggested that men suffering from malaria should be accorded special consideration, as repeated attacks lose them their jobs. Here we had the case of such a sufferer—one of many—who was workless and ill, and whose wife was about to be confined. The total income of the family is 10s. a week.

"Out You Go!":—A discharged soldier who couldn't find work has two little children, and his wife is about to provide him with another. His landlord had threatened to evict him if he could not pay his arrears of rent, but we saved him.

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A Special Appeal:—Will our readers provide us with children's clothing, and particularly boots? We have many applications, but no stock. Thousands of our soldiers' and sailors' youngsters are practically without footwear. In anticipation, thanks!

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IN THE CITY.

FINANCIAL NOTES—AND ADVICE TO INVESTORS.

By Our City Editor.

Hot Markets.

This is the season when the Stock Exchange likes to take a rest. Despite the appalling heat inside and outside the House, there have been gallant attempts to create a bit of excitement in various sections. For instance, there was a boomlet in shipping shares, which carried P. & O. Deferred to the record level of 580, a monstrous price that would have broken the heart of old Sir Thomas Sutherland, although the Lord Inchcape doesn't seem to mind. Perhaps he feels aggrieved that on a similar basis his shares do not stand at £580,000 apiece! And then there has been a bubbling up in the Oil market, but it only affected the leaders—Burmahs, Shells and Mexican Eagles—with a few fringes like Lobitos, Trinidad, Centrals, and Chiljoes thrown in, and it soon boiled over, leaving many burnt fingers in the process. Rubbers, too, have been looking a bit perky, although prices are already high enough in most cases. However, both these sections have possibilities, as there is a great future for them. But things like Home Rails and Foreign Stocks are as dead as mutton, owing to labour troubles in the one case, and exchanges in the other, and Industrials have been adversely affected by the fear of a fall in prices and profits.

Government Finance.

I am not going to write a sermon of Government extravagance, although it is certain that there will have to be severe retrenchment, unless the country is going absolutely to the dogs. And I don't believe an atom of the outcry about inflation of the currency having much to do with the high prices of commodities. There is inflation, but the change from sovs. to "Bradburys" has precious little to do with it. But the methods of the Treasury have a lot to account for. From a study of the Bank returns I find that a month ago "other" deposits were 205 millions and Government securities in the Bank 137 millions. Now they are 90 millions and 20 millions respectively. Of course the Victory Loan (which was certainly not the success at first claimed for it) accounts for the bulk of these phenomenal changes, but the country no more than an individual can go on indefinitely as a spendthrift, by constant drafts on the moneylender, and sooner or later we must cut our coat according to our cloth.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

(All inquiries must be accompanied by a postal order for 1s., and bear the full name and address of correspondent as evidence of good faith.)

R. S. M. (Athenay).—*British North Borneo Rubber Trust:* Dividend due very shortly; hold.——E. I. (Melbourne).—*Oilfields of Oklahoma:* Sorry, but the company has been wound up.——Mrs. A. B. (Swansea).—*May & Co.:* I have no information about the company. Send the last two reports if you have them.——Miss L. O. (Kirkby Stephen).—*Canadian Industrial Co.:* Cannot trace what has become of it.——A. R. (Parkend).—*Chaffers Gold:* Company has been twice reconstructed and its revival is doubtful.——F. R. (Natley).—*Farrow's Bank:* Shares are worth buying at the price. No further liability beyond 10s. per share, and that callable only in the event of winding-up.——Copper (Connah's Quay).—*Whim Well:* Write to C.C. Campling, 4, Frederick's Place, Old Jewry E.C.——N. N. (Leamington).—*Mines:* I know nothing on which "quick returns" can be confidently promised.——Anxious.—*Consols:* You are in the same position as thousands of others, but it would not be any advantage to exchange now.——T. M. (Edinburgh).—*Premium Bonds:* See editorial note.——*Galacia Oil Lands, etc.:* Leave them alone.——J. I. T. (Stretford).—*Cobritza-Verde Copper:* Have no records about the company.——Q. M. S. (Rhondda).—*W. & A. Wilson:* Answer to first three questions is in the negative. Don't try either call options or marginal accounts; you will lose your little capital either way.——J. McC. (Glasgow).—*Duncan Forbes:* Firm disappeared long ago. You have no chance of recovering your money.——H. C. B. (Hammersmith).—*Swansea Harbour:* Price of the "A" stock last month was 65-70 and £850 ought to have realised £550 or more. But the junior securities were much lower and the value mentioned may be perfectly correct.—T. J. W. (St. Margarets).—*Hungarian Bonds:* Hope to refer editorially——E. M. F. (Liverpool).—*Motor Cycles:* I do not like the proposition.——E. M. (Hampstead).—*Brussel Bond:* Write to the Syndic, Brussels. See also recent note. I believe the paper mentioned changed hands for less than the cash liabilities and of course there was nothing for the shareholders.——R. S. W. (Warrington).—I am dealing with the matter in a note.——W. H. C. (Pontypridd).—You may be lucky and get your money back, but don't risk it again. Sending name of broker by post.——T. W. (Thorpe).—*Navarro Wellesley:* Write to the Secretary, but the delay is not excessive for these times. Prospects depend largely on Government orders.——W. E. N. (Battersea).—*Consols:* You can get the necessary forms for transfer at the P.O. The present price is about 52 per £100.——G. A. D. (Eastleigh).—*R. Fellows:* No, such business is rarely successful; leave it alone.——M. E. M. (Gretna).—*African Realty Trust:* I do not recommend.——T. C. (Dennistown).—*Bombay:* Sorry I do not know the firm mentioned nor the other information required. Write to the India Office, Whitehall.——C. I. D. (Birmingham).—*Galacian Standard Oil Co.:* The shares are of no value.——Anxious (Preston).—*War Loan:* If you bought through the Post Office they will realise for you; otherwise you must get it done through a bank or a stockbroker.——H. C. B. (Hertford Heath).—*Abercorn Hotels:* The company ought to have been doing well, but it is a very small concern about which I have no records. I do not like the look of it. Write to the Secretary or the solicitors.——G. W. (Ipswich) and C. W. (Hendon).—*Percy Coutts:* Cannot recommend you to send the fee, though small.——Mrs. F. K. (Tranmore).—*Options:* Have nothing to do with any of these schemes; you would certainly lose your money.

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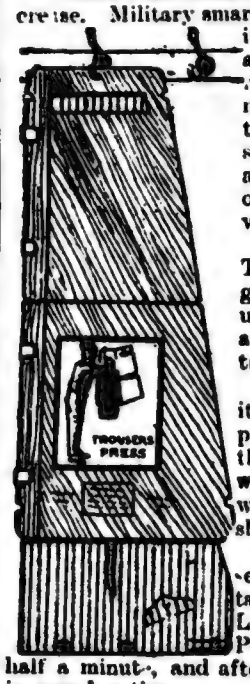

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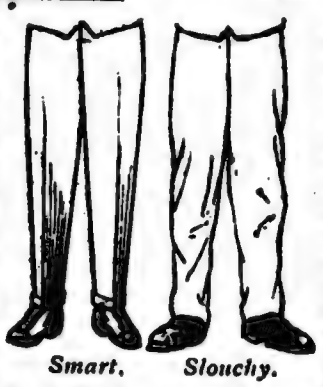

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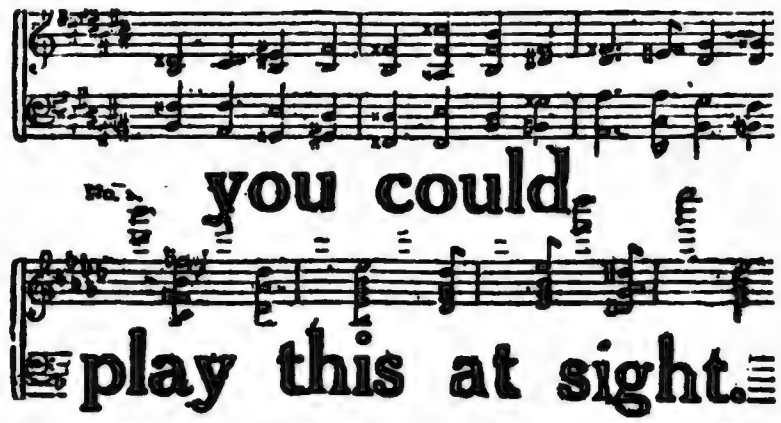

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E. L. (Farnham).—"A serious effort should be made to bring home to the people what Bolshevism pure and simple really is." To begin with, it certainly is neither pure nor simple.

A. B. C. (Wolverhampton).—The M.P.'s £400 per annum is subject to income-tax as don't smile—*earned* income!

M. M. (Dulwich, S.E.).—"I live in a so-called intellectual community, whose favourite journal is the *Daily Herald!* Between every mouthful of our vegetarian meals 'hot air' of a Bolshevik flavour is expended." Mind you don't get intellectual as well as physical dyspepsia.

"A CONSTANT READER" (Crewe).—"Your paragraph, 'Little and Late,' was perfectly true and to the point. My tiny pension was 14 days late." Many others say the same. The Board of Education, if it must be miserly, should at least be prompt.

A. R. F. P. (Islington, N.).—It is scarcely our business "to organise a real live union for clerks," but if you would take on our job for a fortnight, we might see what could be done.

"WILLING WORKER" (Leicester).—"Please leave the married ladies alone." In point of fact, that has been our inflexible rule.

H. C. B. (Ipswich).—"It is a pity you cannot keep your nose out of other people's business." That is what a lot of people think, especially where the business is of a shady description.

"EX-SERGEANT" (Tamworth).—"Too white-livered to go and fight, they were the first to do the flag-wagging." This was true of many "Conchies" during the recent celebrations.

"PUSSYFUT" (Matlock).—Is there only one public-house in Matlock that you must needs deal with a bloated profiteer?

J. G. (Bedford).—Very sweet of you to write to us "instead of to your own M.P." Bet he'd be sick if he knew it.

"DISCHARGED SOLDIERS" (Chiswick, W.).—Glad you think we have been "a great old friend in the past," and you may rely on our continued hostility to the prowling profiteer.

"AN OLD SWEAT OF MONS" (Croydon).—"I would give a 'fiver' to have the honour of shaking you by the hand." Dare say it would cost us all that for "fizz" to celebrate the occasion.

"SHEFFIELD GRINDER" (Sheffield).—"Can you settle these two questions for me; first, Food; second, Labour?" They are but one question, the first depending on the second, and the second depending on the first.

"LONDON REGT."—Only a week or two ago we "slipped into" that ridiculous "Menu Card Advertising Scheme." You paid the A.A. Agency, Walton-on-Thames, 2s. 6d. for a circular about it. Don't waste another penny.

G. M. (Southampton).—If the Appointments Department, Exeter, have not answered your letter, buck up and make *them* buck up. If you don't, they won't.

"CONSTANT READER" (Glasgow).—"Your par on the iniquitous working conditions of clerks in the Employment Exchanges touches what has long been a sore point." Quite so. And now read the next:

R. H. M. (Norwich).—"Don't waste time sympathising with the clerks in the Exchanges; any intelligent office boy could do the work." Pity the poor Editor!

A. M. (Stoke).—Simpson and Blythe, Sherwood Street, W., advertise for agents to sell bugs, write that they have none left, but send terms of their "side-line," as bookmakers. Seems like a new dodge to beguile the poor punter.

R. G. (Lower Edmonton).—"If you can probably help me solve this difficult problem: Out-of-work donation, 7s. Rent, 6s. 8d. Six people to live on 4d.?" But the Vicar promised to reinstate you, so your problem is solved. No Vicar breaks his word.

W. R. H. (Birmingham).—"Get knowledge and get goodness" is a fine motto. And it differs so from the lawyer's old motto:—"First, get on; then, get honour; last, get honest."

"A G.E.R. FIREMAN" (Manor Park).—"I expect he is a munition worker. They are never satisfied." They should endeavour to cultivate the placid content displayed by railway workers. What?

MRS. N. H. R. (W. Kensington) inquires for some kind person who will take three badly-wounded Tommies lying in Paddington Military Hospital for a motor drive once a week. We will gladly put such person in communication with her.

MRS. J. B. H. (Norfolk).—"Who wants to see his hellish face?"—meaning the ex-Kaiser's. At first we thought you were slating your hubby.

H. E. (Oxford).—"Bolshevism is the enslavement of the many by the few." As far as it goes, that is a perfectly accurate definition.

C. J. S. (Reedham).—If you will let us know exactly what you would like said to the Vicar, we will send it to him in a sealed envelope.

R. A. S. C. (Derby).—Afraid we must not describe the gentleman you mention as a "sneaking, slimy reptile." Some people are as touchy as a bag of fleas.

D. H. G. (Ballycastle).—"Just a line to let you know how much I appreciate you and your paper, JOHN BULL." Thanks. Put it there, if it weighs a ton! How's the Bally Castle?

"A NORFOLK MAN."—Had your pocket picked near the Strand on Peace Day by the swell mob? The smart set are awfully keen on dumplings.

J. D. H. (Tottenham).—"I do not send this to be inserted in your paper." Your desire shall be carefully attended to.

"WORKING MAN" (Brighton).—Take Army huts from Shoreham and re-erect them on the Downs by Brighton? Your idea is too sensible ever to be carried out.

M. R. C.—"Do police sergeants, getting over £6 a week, pay Income Tax?" They would hate not to.

T. B. (Nottingham).—Sorry we have not been able to "find Sir R. Napier's speech." But we hope he hasn't lost it.

R. A. R. (Hove) AND H. B. W. (Ealing).—"Why is the Ministry of Munitions selling its surplus 'Women's Underwear' and 'Infants' flannels and bibs'"? Many officials are old women, and others in their second childhood.

"REGULAR READER" (Gerrard's Cross).—"Why is Llanelly the best place for the ex-Kaiser? Because it contains four 'ells.'" Here's one for you. Why was Gerrard Cross?

"CONSTANT READER" (St. Nazaire).—"Their cry of 'We won the War!' makes an Englishman hate the Yanks. Give them beans." The bean season will shortly be at its height.

"DEMOBBED BUSINESS MAN" (Bradford).—So you don't think very highly of the Lord Mayor. Ten to one, if he knew it he would resign in a huff.

"CONSTANT READER" (Bethnal Green).—How can we deal with the matter if you don't give your name and address? You need not be afraid we shall call on washing day.

H. W. (Cheadle).—It must certainly have been a maddening sight to see a British soldier treated worse than a German prisoner. Small blame to you if you *had* "forgotten yourself."

F. S. G. (Croydon).—"The Bolshie movement is fostered by Conchies, pacifists and traitors, and leads to destruction." Fostered—and festered.

E. B. (Eastbourne).—"I get called a most filthy, disgusting, dirty person, that walked upon the face of the earth." We daresay you returned the fulsome compliment with interest.

MRS. H. J. (Bristol).—Very foolish of you to send Treasury notes through the post unregistered. They are liable to get "lost," but you must not blame a big West End firm for it. Blame yourself, and don't do it again.

R. H. G. (Belgrave Square, S.W.).—We note that you are "still looking for the munition workers in the Victory March." It's a wonder the police haven't moved you on.

W. B. (Wakefield).—The head gardener gave you a fortnight's notice because you kept holiday on Peace Day, after two years out "there." What shall we say about him? The dictionary does not contain the right words.

"EX-NAVYMAN" (Scotland).—"I am a teller in a Government Savings Bank, wages 35s. a week; board and lodging cost me 27s. 6d." The people who pay you that ought to be boiled.

"AN OFFICER'S WIFE."—Circumstances may entitle you to keep your Government job, but not every woman is in your hard case. They can afford to clear out.

"RUSSKY" (Archangel).—"The N.E.R. wrote all the way to Russia for 9d. for excess fares from three soldier boys who missed the regular troop train." The N.E.R. is perhaps saving up for Sir Eric's next little touch.

G. S. (Peckham).—Unless we "show tolerance" to R. Smillie and R. Williams, old readers will bid us adieu? We must put up with losing your two d., if you prefer the two Bobs.

"JOHN CHRISTOPHER" (Southend).—"At the Southend pageant the prize for the prettiest costume was awarded to Lady Godiva." Had Eve been present, she would have won by a fig-leaf.

MRS. L. C. F. (Highbury, N.).—So, if there is any trouble brewing for the camouflaged Huns remaining in Islington, they will have brought it on themselves. *Verb. sap.*

"ONE OF THEM" (Ramsgate).—We have not the least objection to a decoration for the employees of private cable companies. Would you prefer a nice rosette or a bunch of carnations?

"HARDWORKING MAN" (Newport).—You give no detailed instructions for proposed Candid Communication to the Food Controller. Is it your idea that we should just cheek him, generally?

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H. T. (Filey).—So you liked our paragraph. Not so dusty, was it?

C. E. (Hebburn).—"Justice *is* blind." We should like to know where she got the stuff.

W. J. B. (Willesden).—"On Peace Day I took a little drink, and as I was a teetotaler it did not agree with me." There we see the terrible danger of teetotalism!

"FOR THE WORKERS" (North Curry).—"You can publish this and let the colliers read it." If we did, they would be coming Taunton way after your gore. And Curry wouldn't be hot enough.

E. W. R. (Eastbourne).—So you want us to give the bandmaster "tallywack." Why not do it yourself? You seem full of beans.

"ANONYMOUS."—Oh, those "papers deposited by Bismarck in the Bank of England," containing the secret of Bloody Bill's birth! Did Bismarck tell you all about it?

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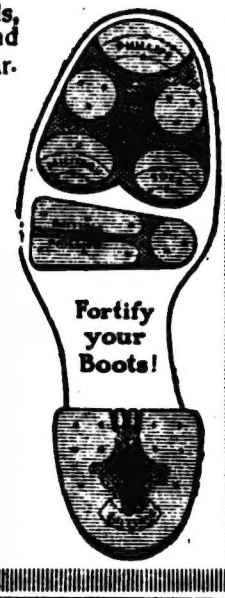

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First choose any of the Thirty-two examples given below. Then give **TWO, THREE** or **FOUR** words having some bearing on the example chosen. Any **ONE** of the words selected must begin with any letter in the examples chosen. The other words selected can begin with any letters in the alphabet. These examples will guide you: Example:—WASTING MONEY. Bullet:—MOST GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS NOWADAYS. Example:—WORKING WELL. Bullet:—WISH MINERS WERE. Competitors may send in two BULLETS for sixpence. If more coupons are used an entry fee at the rate of 6d. for each coupon must be sent. Result of this Competition will be found in our issue dated Sept. 13th.

LIST OF EXAMPLES FOR "BULLETS" COMPETITION No. 344

A HOT TIME	A PERFECT TREAT	FEATHERING HIS NEST	SHOULD BE ABOLISHED
GETTING SLACK	WE REGRET	THINKING FURIOUSLY	OUR MASTERS
OUT OF DANGER	RACING	WITHOUT A STRIKE	WASTING MONEY
FORGETTING HIMSELF	WORKING WELL	LABOUR LEADERS	STUFF AND NONSENSE
BEFORE LONG	DOWN AND OUT	NOT MAKING ENOUGH	SHORT SKIRTS
MAKING THINGS HUM	HITTING HOME	HOLIDAY WEATHER	ASKING FOR IT
NO FOOL	AMONG THE POOR	NEXT TO NOTHING	DRY ROT
A TRUE PATRIOT	SUCCESSFUL MAN	HAPPY MEMORIES	ONLY KID

No. ____ Closing Date, Thursday, August 28th.

Example _____

Bullet _____

Example _____

Bullet _____

(344) P.O. No. _____

I agree to enter this Competition in accordance with the rules and conditions announced on this page.

If 1 coupon is used P.O. for 6d. must be sent.

Signed _____

Address _____

☞ IF UNABLE TO SECURE EXTRA COUPONS YOU CAN WRITE YOUR "BULLETS" ON PLAIN PAPER.

No. ____ Closing Date, Thursday, August 28th.

Example _____

Bullet _____

Example _____

Bullet _____

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I agree to enter this Competition in accordance with the rules and conditions announced on this page.

If 2 coupons are used P.O. for 1/- must be sent.

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ENVELOPES SHOULD BE MARKED "BULLETS" No. 344. "JOHN BULL," LONG ACRE, LONDON, W.C.2

No. ____ Closing Date, Thursday, August 28th.

Example _____

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Bullet _____

(344) P.O. No. _____

I agree to enter this Competition in accordance with the rules and conditions announced on this page.

If 3 coupons are used P.O. for 1/6 must be sent.

Signed _____

Address _____

No. ____ Closing Date, Thursday, August 28th.

Example _____

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Example _____

Bullet _____

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I agree to enter this Competition in accordance with the rules and conditions announced on this page.

If 4 coupons are used P.O. for 2/- must be sent.

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Next Week's Selection of Examples for "Bullets" Competition No. 345.

THANKS TO LLOYD GEORGE—THE LATEST CRAZE—PERFECT LADY—SWEET AND LOW—FORTUNE'S KNOCK—AFTER THE STRIKES—HAPPY MEDIUM—WHAT PUSSYFOOT WANTS—FIRST REFUSAL—A MEAN TRICK—HAD AGAIN—EXPECTING A RISE—DRIVEN TO WORK—CLEAN HANDS—ASS THAT PAYS—MUCH AS USUAL—COURTING DISASTER—WANTS TAKING DOWN—LOOKING SMALL—REAPING THE BENEFIT.

These examples can be made use of on the coupons above, and must reach us on or before **THURSDAY, Sept. 4th.** All coupons **MUST** be clearly marked with the number **345** in the top left hand corner, and envelopes containing these coupons must be addressed "Bullets," No. 345, "John Bull," Long Acre, London, W.C.2. Such coupons must not contain any of the Thirty-two examples for Competition **344.**

List of 10s. Prizewinners in "Bullets" Competition 341 will be published in next week's "Competitors' Journal." Complete List of all Cash and other Prizewinners can be seen at the Offices of "John Bull."

Result of 341st 'Bullets' Competition

FIRST PRIZE OF £250:

Mr. S. LANGFORD,
3, St. Winifred's Crescent,
Muswell Hill, London, N.10.

Example:—PUBLIC DISPLAY.
Bullet:—WOULDN'T "SUIT PROFITEERS' BOOKS."

SECOND PRIZE OF £25:

Mr. A. C. BOWERS, 23, North Villas, N.W.2.
Example:—THE BULLDOG BREED.
Bullet:—EYES GOVERNMENT "SEATS" SUSPICIOUSLY.

THIRD PRIZE OF £15:

Mr. ERNEST H. BOOTH,
20, Market Place, Doncaster.
Example:—OLD MASTER.
Bullet:—TOMMY APPRECIATES GENUINE ONE.

10 HOLIDAY PRIZES VALUE £12 12s. EACH:

MR. A. GREEN, 56, Matcham Rd., Leytonstone, E.: WHAT MISSES WANT—EYES OPENED, EARS SHUT.
MR. J. L. SEAL, 71, Stanhope St., Hereford: DRAWING HIS PENSION—BOTTOMLEY'S "CONTRIBUTIONS" HAVE HELPED.
MR. E. J. HOLLEY, Cefn Park Lodge, Wrexham: PROMISING YOUNGSTER—AMERICA'S OPINION OF BRITAIN.
MR. H. AKROYD, 110, Wellington Rd., Leeds: CAN'T BE FOUND—TRADE FOLLOWING "RED FLAG."
MR. C. C. WILLSON, 33, Purley Park Road, Purley: SIDESIDE DONKEY—YEAR'S SAVINGS, FORTNIGHT SWANK.
MR. J. BLACKBURN, 49, Rowms Lane, Swinton, Yorks: FAT PURSE—SELDOM "OUT IN SYMPATHY."
MR. H. A. BOULDING, Burleigh House, Ramsgate: ON THE JAW—FIGHTS WON—NOT WARS.
MR. J. KEARNEY, 48a, Hibernian Rd., Jarrow: RISING TO OCCASION—APPARENTLY CEASED WITH MUNITIONS.
MR. W. LAWRIE, 48, Merchiston Ave., Edinburgh: GENERAL UPSET—FOLLOWS A "SUDDEN STOPPAGE."
MISS E. M. LILL, The Angles, Drummond Rd., Skegness: TALKING MACHINE—DIDN'T CRUSH MILITARY ONE.

10 WEEK-END PRIZES VALUE £6 6s. EACH

MRS. ANNIE GREENWOOD, Knight's Farm, Appley Bridge, Wigan: GETTING A MOVE ON—INDUSTRIAL PEBBLE—ANARCHIST AVALANCHE.
MR. C. CAMERON, c/o Drayston, Chemical Laboratory, Gilmorehill, Glasgow: MY HOLIDAY—"TAKING LOT OUT" USUALLY.
MR. D. H. JOHNSTON, 41, Scott-Ellis Gdns, N.W.: GENERAL UPSET—IS CALLED SOVIET GOVERNMENT.
MR. H. DUNHAM, Marston Morteyne, Beds.: PUBLIC DISPLAY—OF GASH, BREEDS PROFITEERS.
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MISS E. B. KINSWORTHY, 35, Havelock Rd., Hastings: THE BULLDOG BREED—UNHANDSOME, BUT HANDSOME DOGS.
MR. F. A. MASON, c/o Messrs. Wood and Parker, 2, East India Ave., E.C.: GETTING A MOVE ON—EMIGRATION AFTER PROHIBITION.
MR. H. M. FISHER, 351, Walworth Rd., S.E.: WHAT TOMMY FOUGHT FOR—"IT'S RECEIVING ATTENTION."
MR. D. SMART, 21, Sunnyside Rd., Ilford: A DEAR GIRL—OR NONE—DOMESTIC ALTERNATIVE. (Sent in on a Free "Target" Prize Coupon).

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4. All coupons arriving too late to be judged with absolute thoroughness will be duly returned to their respective senders.

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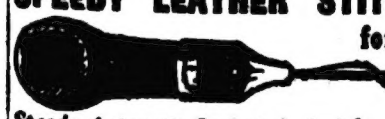

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The man who enters the door where some loose woman lives, imagining foolishly that he is going for enjoyment, is often actually going to his doom. It may well be that he contracts a disease which corrupts the whole blood, and, if untreated, will make his life a burden and torment for years. It will be too late then to wish that he had kept his love sacred for some pure girl whom he hopes to marry. Long treatment must take place and weary months elapse before the doctor can give him again a clean bill of health, and a guarantee that his children will not perish one by one in infancy.

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CONSTIPATION

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